

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 638

House of Representatives, March 21, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Coffin of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE, making appropriation to assist, encourage and develop the poultry industry in Maine for 1917 and 1918.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of one thousand dollars for the year One Thousand
3 Nine Hundred and Seventeen, and the sum of one thousand
4 dollars for the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and
5 Eighteen, to promote, encourage and develop the poultry in-
6 dustry of the state through the medium of poultry exhibition
7 or shows. Such appropriation shall be expended under the
8 direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture in consulta-
9 tion with one representative of each of the five poultry asso-

10 ciations in the state holding an annual exhibition or show.
11 Such portion of the appropriation to be awarded each year
12 upon the discretion of the Commissioner of Agriculture and
13 representatives of these associations as above provided, the
14 amount to be determined on the basis or the importance of
15 the utility features, including utility laying competitions,
16 utility breeding stock competitions, dressed poultry and egg
17 competitions and any other features devised to promote the
18 utility value and educational work of any poultry show.
19 And the said Commissioner is hereby authorized to employ
20 such agents, assistants or experts as may be deemed prac-
21 ticable to carry out the provisions of this Resolve.

RESOLVE, making appropriation to assist poultry culture in
Maine for 1917 and 1918.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the
2 sum of one thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred
3 seventeen, and the sum of one thousand dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred eighteen, to promote and assist the in-
5 terests of poultry culture in Maine. Such appropriation
6 shall be expended under the direction of the Commissioner
7 of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Maine State Poultry
8 Association and other similar organizations, and said com-
9 missioner is hereby authorized to employ such agents, assist-
10 ants or experts as may be deemed practicable to carry out
11 the provisions of this resolve.

This appropriation is the same as that made for years 1915
and 1916 and is to be used as specified in the Resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Poultry raising, one of Maine's largest agricultural pursuits, although receiving in the past but little attention from State Legislatures, is deserving of assistance from the State such as is being given to other agricultural interests.

Because of the adaptibility of our climate, the low cost of land and the relatively small amount of capital required to engage in it, poultry raising offers an exceptional opportunity for the people of Maine, and our agricultural department is constantly receiving requests for information in regard to it.