

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE NO. 234

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House of Representatives, February 25, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Cunningham from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dutton of Bingham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, for Continuance of White Pine Blister Rust  
Control.

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Resolved: That the sum of five thousand dollars be  
2 and hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred  
3 and nineteen, and the sum of five thousand dollars for the  
4 year nineteen hundred and twenty, for the purpose of con-  
5 trolling and eradicating the White Pine Blister Rust in the  
6 State of Maine, as authorized by Senate Bill No. 171 as  
7 passed by the Seventy-eighth Legislature, 1917, entitled  
8 "An Act for the Control of the White Pine Blister Rust  
9 and other fungous and insect pests."



## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under the above mentioned act, authority is given to the Forest Commissioner to take measures to control and in so far as is possible, eradicate the disease from the State. The work done to date has been necessarily chiefly experimental, and it will be necessary to carry on these experiments for at least some five or six years in order to get any definite results. This consisted in establishing demonstration experimental eradication plots at Kittery Point, Alfred and Brunswick. The former two areas have already been eradicated twice, but the Brunswick area has not been completely eradicated even once, so that this work should be completed, and any other areas found to be infected should be eradicated. The federal government cooperates with the state in this work and spends a dollar for each dollar we spend.

It will also be necessary to do considerable scouting work to keep the disease within bounds, and to keep a check on its spread from the infected areas.

Local cooperative control is recommended, and this should be organized and systematized by the Forestry Department in order to get any uniform or satisfactory results from the work.