

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 240

House of Representatives, February 25, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Plummer from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Grinnell of Exeter.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Making Appropriation to Assist, Encourage and
Develop the Poultry Industry in Maine.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated
2 the sum of two thousand dollars for the year one thou-
3 sand nine hundred and nineteen, and the sum of two thou-
4 sand dollars for the year one thousand nine hundred and
5 twenty, to promote, encourage and develop the poultry
6 industry of the state through the medium of poultry exhi-
7 bition or shows. Such appropriation shall be expended
8 under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture
9 in consultation with one representative of each of the four
10 poultry associations in the state holding an annual exhibi-

11 tion or show. Such portion of the appropriation to be
12 awarded each year under the discretion of the commis-
13 sioner of agriculture and representatives of these associa-
14 tions as above provided, the amount to be determined on
15 the basis or the importance of the utility features, includ-
16 ing utility laying competitions, utility breeding stock com-
17 petitions, dressed poultry and egg competitions and any
18 other features devised to promote the utility value and edu-
19 cational work of any poultry show. And the said commis-
20 sioner is hereby authorized to employ such agents, assist-
21 ants or experts as may be deemed practicable to carry out
22 the provisions of this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Relating to the appropriation to assist, encourage and develop the poultry industry of Maine. This money is to be divided among the four poultry associations in the state, which hold annual exhibitions. It is to be used for utility purposes only, by offering prizes on the different breeds that have the best utility conformation; also for egg laying contests, demonstrations in culling, killing and dressing, packing and other methods employed by commercial poultrymen; also for lectures during the exhibition. The increase from one to two thousand this year we feel is necessary, because of the condition the poultry business of the state is in, and the importance that the poultry business holds to the Maine agriculture. It has been agreed among the different associations that half of **the above amount** asked for is to be expended by the Maine State Poultry Association. If this bill passes and this amount becomes available to them, they agree to hold a free exhibition that will be generally advertised throughout the state and that will hold a series of demonstrations and lectures every day during the show, with the sole object of increasing the interest in poultry business.