

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 241

House of Representatives, February 25, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Austin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money for the Protection of Plants,
Trees and Shrubs from the Ravages of Dangerous Insects
and Diseases.

Resolved: Protection of Plants, Trees and Shrubs.
2 Whereas, the gipsy moths have been declared by law to
3 be public nuisances, and their suppression and the pre-
4 vention of their spread in this state, and the protection of
5 plants, trees and shrubs from the introduction and rav-
6 ages of dangerous insects and diseases, require the con-
7 stant work now being carried on under the direction of
8 the commissioner of agriculture, and the interruption of

9 said work until ninety days after the recess of this legis-
10 lature would be harmful to the public health, and

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts this measure
2 is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
3 health, and an emergency as contemplated by the consti-
4 tution exists, now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That for the purpose of carrying into effect
2 all provisions of the law now in force, or as the same
3 may be amended and added to, relative to the protection
4 of plants, trees, and shrubs from the introduction and rav-
5 ages of dangerous insects and diseases, there be, and hereby
6 is, appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury the sum
7 of thirty-five thousand dollars for the year one thousand
8 nine hundred nineteen, and the sum of thirty-five thousand
9 dollars for the year one thousand nine hundred twenty.

Emergency. In view of the emergency cited in the pre-
2 amble this resolve shall take effect when approved by the
3 governor.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In view of the fact that in the two years which has just elapsed more progress has been made in the wiping out of the gipsy moth in this state, particularly by the parasite and fungous work, it becomes necessary that at this time, in order to carry out the work already established, that the appropriation asked for be granted for these two years as specified in the bill. In addition to the work of eradicating the gipsy moth, we now have introduced into the state, the European Corn Borer, which in the state of Massachusetts, is doing a tremendous damage to the sweet corn crop, and part of this appropriation asked for will be used in combating this pest, also from the fact of the high prices of the ingredients used for spraying, burning, and cresoting, it becomes necessary to ask for this sum of money.