

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 502

House of Representatives, March 26, 1919.

Read and passed. Ordered, that 500 copies of the resolution regarding protection to agriculture, introduced by the gentleman from LaGrange, Mr. Fowles, on Friday, March 21st, be printed for the use of the members of the legislature.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended and Mr. Fowles of Lagrange introduced the following resolution out of order:

Whereas, the first duty of a nation, as of an individual, is self-preservation, and

Whereas no class of the population is more worthy of assistance than the farmer, and no work more essential than his, and

Whereas in the past two years the Maine farmer responded to his utmost to the call of the nation for increased production,

in spite of the disheartening handicap of extraordinary and continuous increase of cost, and

Whereas the Maine farmer is in direct competition with the Canadian farmer in the production of farm produce, and especially potatoes, which latter crop is now selling for about one-half cost, and

Whereas the only protection of the Maine potato raiser is a tariff on imported potatoes, a protection tried and proved effective through decades of government by the Republican party,

Now, therefore, the Legislature of Maine urges upon its senators and representatives in Congress to set up again a protective tariff to give preference to the product of American labor and capital expended upon and invested in Maine farms.

By a viva voce vote the House voted to adopt the resolution