

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 392

House of Representatives, March 15, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Thomas of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Providing Aid in the Control and Suppression of
the European Corn Borer.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of ten thousand dollars in nineteen hundred twenty-
3 four and ten thousand dollars in nineteen hundred twenty-
4 five to be expended under direction of the commissioner of
5 agriculture for the control and suppression of the insect
6 known as the European Corn Borer, and in educational work
7 among the farmers of the state for the same purpose.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The insect known as the European Corn Borer which has proven so disastrous to corn production of all kinds, and to sweet corn in particular, also to vegetables and flowering plants, first made its appearance in Boston, Massachusetts, in nineteen hundred and seventeen and now covers an area of two thousand six hundred and seventy square miles, extending along the Atlantic coast. It has made its appearance in the State of Maine in fourteen towns in York county and one town in Cumberland county. It is believed that the sweet corn industry, which is of great importance to Maine, is seriously threatened, and unless a suitable appropriation is made by the present legislature for the control and suppression of the European Corn Borer, this branch of Maine's agriculture is doomed.