

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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H. P. No. 90

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House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leland of Sangerville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE, Making Appropriation for the Support and Maintenance of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

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*Resolved:* That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the  
2 sum of twenty-three thousand dollars for the fiscal year  
3 commencing July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-five,  
4 and twenty-three thousand dollars for the fiscal year be-  
5 ginning July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, to be  
6 expended under the direction of the Maine agricultural ex-  
7 periment station for supplementing and making more effec-  
8 tive the work now being carried on by said station under the  
9 federal grant known as the "Hatch act." This annual ap-  
10 propriation is to be applied for general maintenance, in-

11 cluding the purposes recommended in the report covering  
12 the needs of said station made by a special committee of  
13 the Maine Federation of Agricultural Associations on April  
14 second, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

The eighty-first legislature provided (chapter 127, resolves of 1923) an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of supplementing and making more effective the work being carried on by the Maine Experiment Station under the federal grant known as the "Hatch act." This fund has made it possible to greatly increase the efficiency of the station and it seems imperative that the appropriation be continued.

Salaries at our station are now among the lowest in the country and unless increases are provided, resignations of valuable experts must be expected. Three thousand dollars annually is needed for these necessary increases.

Another outstanding need of the station is for the addition of a chemist and an economic entomologist to the staff. Seven thousand dollars per year is asked for these additions.

There is not and never has been any fund for maintenance or contingencies. Ordinary depreciation is not provided for and even emergencies cannot be met. A regular repair fund would increase the efficiency of the institution and should be provided for the most economical upkeep of the plant and its equipment. Three thousand dollars per year is requested for this purpose.

A committee from the Maine Federation of Agricultural Associations carefully studied the needs of the Experiment Station during the winter of nineteen hundred and twenty-four and this resolve is presented in accordance with their recommendations.