

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 105

H. P. 380. House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1929.

Referred to Commission on Claims and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. King of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, In Favor of Greenfield Maine Apple Growers of
Greenfield, Penobscot County, Maine, Compensating it for
Damages to Apple Trees by Deer and for Fencing Against
Deer.

Resolved: That there be and is hereby appropriated the
2 sum of twenty-nine thousand three hundred ten dollars to
3 reimburse the Greenfield Maine Apple Growers of Green-
4 field, Penobscot county, Maine, for injury to apple trees by
5 deer and for fencing against deer.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Greenfield Maine Apple Growers purchased a farm of 218 acres of desirable apple land in the town of Greenfield in 1924. In April 1925, 13,500 cions grafted to the whole root of an equal number of trees one year old were planted in nursery rows, where they were grown for two years or until the spring of 1927.

In October and November, 1926, the company had the orchards surveyed and staked. Four thousand twenty-five holes were dug for spring planting. In April, 1927, four thousand twenty-five trees were planted and a nursery of ten thousand five hundred trees was started. In July, 1927, the deer began to crop the new growth of the trees.

Of the four thousand twenty-five trees planted in 1927, three thousand six hundred forty-two were cropped or damaged by deer, and the new nursery of ten thousand five hundred trees was damaged or cropped so badly as to be worthless.

The company fenced three thousand feet between woods and orchard in 1927, and in 1928 it began fencing the whole orchard, which fencing has cost them to date twelve hundred dollars.