

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 342

H. P. 1076 House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sterling of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Poultry Husbandry.

Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of twenty thousand dollars for the year from July
3 first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine to June thirtieth,
4 nineteen hundred and thirty and five thousand dollars for
5 the year from July first, nineteen hundred thirty to June
6 thirtieth, nineteen hundred thirty-one, for the erection and
7 maintenance including all expenses necessary and incidental
8 to the operation thereof, of a poultry plant suitable for the
9 study and observation of egg laying qualities and produc-
10 tivity of various flocks, types and breeds of poultry. Such
11 plant and equipment to be located upon land owned by the

12 state of Maine in the town of Monmouth, known as High-
13 moor Farm. Said sum to be expended and said plant and
14 equipment to be supervised by and under direction of the
15 commissioner of agriculture or his agent in charge of ani-
16 mal industry. The said commissioner or his agent shall
17 have authority to sell and dispose of all eggs produced in
18 the progress of any tests or trials carried on in connection
19 therewith and all proceeds of such sales of eggs shall be
20 paid by him to the treasurer of state and credited to the
21 current appropriation for the purposes specified in this re-
22 solve. The commissioner of agriculture or his agent may
23 employ a foreman, or superintendent in charge of said poul-
24 try plant and such assistants as may be necessary, provided,
25 however, that such foreman, superintendent or assistants
26 shall be persons acceptable to and approved by a majority
27 of the executive committee of the Maine Poultry Breeders
28 Association, an organization regularly incorporated under
29 the laws of the state. Any balance of the sum above ap-
30 propriated for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nine-
31 teen hundred thirty, which may remain unexpended at the
32 end of said period shall be available for expenditure during
33 the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
34 thirty-one.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of this resolve is to establish within the State of Maine, a plant and equipment suitable for conducting an egg laying contest to determine the value and productivity of various breeds and flocks of hens. Such contests are being carried on with most valuable results in nearly all of our neighboring states, notably in Connecticut and New Jersey, and have been of great help to the poultry history. The poultry industry in Maine now yields between eight and nine million dollars yearly and in point of cash returned stands at least third among our different agricultural activities. Poultrymen have had very little assistance from the state and the passage of this resolve is urged by individuals and by the organized poultrymen.