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In Senate, Jan. 31 1933.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Robie of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Stipend for Agricultural Societies, Aid to Libraries, Purchase of Books, Expenses of State Historian, Compensation and Expenses of Geologist, Topographic Mapping, and Abolishment of Grade Crossings.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, at this particular period the estimated and probable revenues of the state for the ensuing 2 years will be insufficient to meet the estimated expenditures of the state, based on the requirements of the law as now existing, and

Whereas, it is imperative that all disbursements not productive of a corresponding resulting benefit to the state be discontinued at once, and

Whereas, disbursements for the activities enumerated in the following legislation are in such a category, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. **Agricultural societies' stipend suspended.** For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, the stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies provided for in section 25 of chap-

ter 39 of the revised statutes, shall not be appropriated or paid by the state.

Sec. 2. State aid to libraries suspended. For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, no town shall be entitled to receive from the treasurer of state any of the sum provided for state aid to libraries under the provisions of section 25 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 3. Purchase of books suspended. For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, no warrant shall be drawn by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, on the treasurer of state for the purchase of books as provided for in sections 27 and 28 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 4. State historian's expenses suspended. For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, none of the actual cash expenses of the state historian shall be paid from the state treasury as provided for in section 6 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 5. State geologist's expenses suspended. For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, the state shall pay no compensation to, nor any of the expenses of the geologist as provided for in section 53 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes as amended by chapter 250 of the public laws of 1931.

Sec. 6. Topographical mapping suspended. For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, there shall be no appropriation made for the topographic mapping of the state as provided in sections 21 and 22 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes.

Sec. 7. Appropriation for abolishment of grade crossings suspended. For a period of 2 years from the day of the approval of this act, the state shall make no appropriation and no expenditure under the provisions of section 39 to 42, inclusive, of chapter 27 of the revised statutes as amended by chapter 266 of the public laws of 1931, regarding the abolishment of grade crossings.

Sec. 8. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.