

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 448

H. P. 1198

House of Representatives, February 7, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Wells.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Money for Carrying out the Purposes of Chapter 297, Special Session of 1934 Entitled "An Act for the Protection of Cattle from Bangs Disease."

Appropriation for protection of cattle. Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$30,000 to aid in carrying out the provisions of the emergency act passed at the special session of the legislature in 1934 entitled "An Act for the Protection of Cattle from Bangs Disease"; said sum to be for the purposes named in said act and to be expended as therein provided.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

It is certain that the disease known as Bangs Disease or Contagious Abortion in cattle is now prevalent in Maine and reports from blood tests taken by the Division of Animal Industry indicate that many herds are infected to the extent of 50% or more.

To make any appreciable headway against this disorder will require a considerable expenditure of state funds as the federal indemnities are limited to \$20 per head for grade and \$50 per head for pure bred cattle.

There is a steadily increasing demand from live stock breeders for the testing of their herds and destruction of reactors. Any funds now in sight will be speedily exhausted.