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H. P. 1547

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury of Morrill tabled pending reference and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Woodbury of Morrill.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Growers' and Packers' Contracts.

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

R. S., c. 39, § 7-A, additional. Chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting a new section to be numbered section 7-A, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 7-A. Contracts and agreements. All contracts or agreements entered into in the state between the growers and packers of corn, beans, peas and all other vegetables shall be in writing and before becoming effective and within 2 weeks of the time when the same shall have been signed or entered into, be submitted by the packers or the persons purchasing said vegetables for canning purposes, to the commissioner of agriculture for his examination and approval. The commissioner of agriculture shall examine all of said contracts and agreements so submitted to him and if the same are found by him to be fair and equitable and to contain an agreement as to price to be paid, which in his opinion is fair, just and equitable based upon prevailing prices and on general market and agricultural conditions, he shall so certify on said contract or agreement and shall record

the same in a book to be kept by him for such purpose which shall at all times be open for inspection, and shall return such contract or agreement to the canner or other person who has forwarded such contract or agreement to him for said approval. In the event that said contract or agreement does not meet with his approval for any of the reasons above stated, he shall immediately notify the persons so forwarding said contract to him and the grower with whom said agreement is made of his disapproval and the reasons therefor, and if requested thereto to aid and assist the parties in making such agreement as shall be fair and equitable as above defined.

‘Any person who shall herein enter into any agreement with any other person relative to the sale of vegetables for canning purposes shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.’