

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 13, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gowell of Poland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Knox Arboretum.**

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**Knox Arboretum; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$5,000 from the general fund of the state to be used during the next 2 fiscal years, under the direction of the state park commission, for the purpose of hiring a curator for the Knox Museum, situated on the Knox Arboretum grounds, for such labor as the said commission deems necessary, and for study regarding further subsidization or acquisition of this property by the state of Maine. The said commission shall make a report of its findings and of its recommendations to the next legislature.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

The property known as the "Knox Arboretum" in the town of Warren, situated on the east side of the Georges river at its juncture with the Oyster river is in need of funds to perpetuate its existence. It seems evident that a complete study of its potential educational and recreational value to the state can be determined only over a period of time. There is a great danger that the large collection of valuable museum specimens may be dispersed to collectors outside of the state of Maine, and the valuable collection of trees gathered from other states and countries may lose their identity.

A quotation: "The 88th legislature recognizes that the said Knox Arboretum is one of the outstanding attractions in the state and worthy of support".