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In Senate, April 2, 1945.

Reported by Senator Savage of Somerset from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Provide Funds for Eradication of Bang's Disease, Tuberculosis, and Other Infectious and Contagious Diseases of Livestock.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, "Bang's disease", or what is commonly known as contagious abortion, has become a serious menace to the cattle industry in the state, and has seriously affected the production and marketing of dairy products, and

Whereas, the prevalent existence of Bang's disease has resulted in a disease known as "undulant fever", known to afflict humans, and

Whereas, it is possible, by area control work on a state wide basis, in cooperation with and with financial aid from the federal government, by the use of the test and slaughter and calfhood vaccination to check and eradicate this disease, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI 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

Eradication of various diseases, appropriation for. Resolved: That the amounts of \$50,000 from current revenues of the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, \$150,000 from unappropriated surplus to be immediately available, \$100,000 from the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and \$100,000 from the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 be, and hereby are, provided for the eradication of Bang's disease, tuberculosis and other infectious and contagious diseases of livestock. These funds shall be expended under the supervision of the commissioner of agriculture; and be it further

Resolved: That any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain as a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.