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Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE to Provide for a Pollen and Fungus Survey of Maine.

Survey and appropriation. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of a pollen and fungus survey of the state of Maine, such survey to be conducted under the supervision and control of the University of Maine. Such survey is to be conducted during the fall months of 1949, the spring, summer and fall of 1950 and the spring and summer of 1951. It is to be by the University of Maine but the general supervision, with respect to policy and procedure, shall be under the direction of a qualified professional person to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. Such person shall serve during the pleasure of the governor and shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for his actual travel expense; and be it further

Resolved: That such moneys shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This survey would help materially to increase the state revenue from summer business. It would give a complete and thorough knowledge of the distribution of pollen and fungus in the state and the season in which they are found. There are many people all over the United States who are suffering from the various pollen and fungus maladies, and if we were able to specifically indicate where these people could go and be symptom free, our vacation revenues would be much larger. At the present time there is no definite and accurate knowledge of these pollen and fungus areas, even to men who are authorities in the field. It is understood, of course, that people suffering from these difficulties, suffer during a limited period of time and that they could be expected to stay for a period of time from which they suffer, which means that if people who come here would stay from 4 to 8 weeks it would be of considerable financial aid to our summer business. This report, when completed, should be sent to all the allergists or other medical men who are interested in this field and who, in consequence, are in contact with the type of patient previously mentioned.