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House of Representatives, March 16, 1955

Reference to Committee on Agriculture, sent up for concurrence and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Increasing Potato Tax and Disposition Thereof.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 224, amended. Section 224 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 224. Tax on potatoes.** A tax is levied and imposed at the rate of ~~4e~~ 2c per barrel on all potatoes raised in this State, except that no tax shall be imposed upon any potatoes which are retained by the grower to be used by him for seed purposes or for home consumption.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, § 228, amended. The second sentence of section 228 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'On or before the 1st day of the calendar month succeeding the filing of said report, each shipper shall pay to the State Tax Assessor a tax at the rate of ~~4e~~ 2c per barrel upon all potatoes so reported as purchased, sold or shipped, as determined by the State Tax Assessor.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 16, § 231, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 231 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**II.** A sum which shall equal at least ~~25%~~ 12½% of the money collected shall be used and applied for the purpose of investigating and determining better methods of production, shipment and merchandising of potatoes, and for the manufacture and merchandising of potato by-products by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station under the supervision of the Maine Development Commission.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 16, § 231, sub-§ III, amended. Subsection III of section 231 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'III. A sum which shall equal at least ~~25%~~ $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the money collected shall be used for the general purpose of merchandising and advertising Maine potatoes for food and for seed purposes under the direction of the Maine Development Commission.'

Referendum. The provisions of this act shall not become effective unless and until the Commissioner of Agriculture determines that this act is approved and favored by at least a majority of the shippers, as listed by the Federal-State Inspection Office, who participated in a referendum on the question of its approval and who, during the preceding year, have been engaged as shippers of potatoes.