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NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bruce of Buxton..

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Providing for Survey of Abandoned Agricultural Lands.

Abandoned agricultural lands; survey of. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture shall cause a survey of the abandoned and semi-abandoned agricultural lands in Maine to be made for the purpose of ascertaining their location, availability, potential productivity and to obtain any other information which he would consider pertinent and to publish the result of this survey in such form and in such places as he deems advisable for the purpose of the agricultural development of these lands and to publicize its advantages and availability to others, and that the sum of \$15,000 be appropriated from the general fund of the State for this purpose for the biennium ending June 30, 1959.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

It has been established that there are many thousands of acres of agricultural land in Maine that are not now in production, have been adandoned or semi-abandoned, and this land could be re-established as productive farm land, particularly in the livestock industry.

Livestock producers in other sections of the United States have been and are being forced to abandon or relocate their operations because of drought and arid and other conditions.