

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 21, 1959.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dennison of East Machias.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE Charging Off Funds Advanced for the Purchase, Stocking  
and Equipping of the Blueberry Experimental Farm.**

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**Funds; charged off.**

**Resolved:** That the State Controller charge off the \$25,000 appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund under the provisions of the private and special laws of 1945, chapter 121, for the purchase, stocking and equipping of an experimental blueberry farm.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Chapter 121 of the private and special laws of 1945 provided that the \$25,000 appropriation from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund for the purchase, stocking and equipping of an experimental blueberry farm be repaid from the net revenue derived from the operation of said farm.

The \$25,000 appropriation has been carried on the books of the State as a working capital advance since the acquisition of the farm.

The cost of operating and maintaining the farm since July 1, 1946 has exceeded the income derived by more than \$5,000 annually. The annual deficit has been offset from revenues derived from the blueberry tax. In the interest of reducing the monthly bookkeeping necessary to maintain this account as a working capital advance on the books of the State, it is recommended that the \$25,000 appropriation be charged off.