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Legislative Document

No. 277

H. P. 184

House of Representatives, January 29, 1959

Referred to Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Good of Sebago.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Wild Acres Turkey Farm of Standish.

Wild Acres Turkey Farm; compensated. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$484.70 to be paid to Wild Acres Turkey Farm of Standish, Maine, as full and final settlement for its claim against the State for turkeys killed by coons; said sum to be paid from the Dog Tax Fund.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On January 18, 1959, Vinal Good talked by phone with Mr. Frederick Adams, owner of Wild Acres Turkey Farm. He stated that from July 1, 1958 to August 12, 1958 he lost a total of 181 turkeys due to the activity of coons at a total loss of \$484.70.

Mr. Adams stated that, although the turkey houses set several feet above the ground on cedar posts, the coons climb the posts and reach in the houses and grab the turkeys by the legs. This activity also frightens the turkeys so that they huddle together smothering some of them.

Mr. Adams stated that he has his property enclosed with an electric fence but the coons leap over the fence. He also stated that they trap and shoot some of the coons but the population is increasing so rapidly that it is impossible to keep them all off the premises.