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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1995

17 -	Employee Benefits	
	Contractual Services:	
	Unemployment Compensation	15,000
	Maine State Retirement System	77,500
	Social Security	291,000
22 -	Insurance	
	Contractual Services	238,314
24 -	Bridge	
	Contractual Services	100
30 -	Program Grants	
	Contractual Services:	
	Eastern Maine	
	Development Corporation	47,000
	Katahdin Regional	
	Development Corporation	18,000
	Newport Regional	
	Development Corporation	18,000
	Heart of Maine	3,000
	Northern Maine	
	Regional Planning	520
	Bangor Public Library	5,000
34 -	Shaw House	3,600
	Green Valley Association	5,000
35 -	County Extension Service	68,471
36 -	Penquis Community Action	15,000
38 -	Soil Conservation District	21,748
44 -	Rape Response Services	1,250
46 -	Bangor Area Shelter	6,000
31 -	Interest Expense	
	Contractual Services	70,000
32 -	Building Improvement	
	Capital Expenditures	65,000
40 -	Wage Adjustment	
	Contractual Services	100,000
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$7,593,779</u>

; and be it further

Sec. 3. Summary. Resolved: That the figures appearing in this resolve represent the total amount of taxes and the total specific expenditures authorized for the calendar year 1996. The following is a summary of revenues and appropriations:

Total Appropriations	\$7,593,779.00
Overlay	1,515.75
Available Credits:	

Estimated Revenue	\$1,625,851
Community Corrections	300,000
Transfer from Surplus	528,600
Total Available Credits	2,454,451.00

Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$5,140,843.75</u>
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective March 28, 1996.

CHAPTER 68

H.P. 1294 - L.D. 1776

Resolve, to Require Additional Promotion of the Maine Quality Seal

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the future of Maine's dairy farms is threatened by possible changes in the Federal Milk Marketing Order program, increasing competition from other regions of the country and increasing prices for fertilizer and feed; and

Whereas, it is believed that the Maine Certification Trademark, referred to in this resolve as the "Maine Quality Seal," connotes the important benefits of freshness and high quality of home-produced dairy products; and

Whereas, it is believed that there has recently been inadequate promotion of the Maine Quality Seal; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Additional promotion. Resolved: That the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, referred to in this resolve as the "board," shall increase the promotion of the Maine Quality Seal in relation to Maine dairy products; and be it further

Sec. 2. Seal color. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall determine whether the color

guidelines regarding the seal can be relaxed or eliminated; and be it further

Sec. 3. Promotion goals. Resolved: That the board shall set specific goals for this promotion in keeping with the overall objectives of increasing consumer awareness of the seal to result in greater use of the seal by milk processors. One goal must be the desired objective regardless of funding and one goal must be the objective obtainable with existing funding. The board shall conduct activities that are necessary to set these goals and measure the program against those goals; and be it further

Sec. 4. Review. Resolved: That the board shall give the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources the opportunity to review and comment on all activities required by this resolve. If the board becomes a nongovernmental agency, the commissioner shall work with the board to complete the activities of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 5. Deadline. Resolved: That the board shall begin additional promotion of the Maine Quality Seal no later than 180 days after the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 6. Transfer of funds. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall transfer \$50,000 from the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund to the Maine Dairy Promotion Board to be used toward the expenses incurred for promotion of the Maine Quality Seal; and be it further

Sec. 7. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1996-97

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Dairy Promotion Board

All Other	\$50,000
Provides funds transferred from the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund to the Maine Dairy Promotion Board to increase promotion of the Maine Quality Seal for the Maine dairy industry.	

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 2, 1996.

CHAPTER 69

H.P. 1296 - L.D. 1778

Resolve, to Require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Take Various Actions in Support of the Dairy Industry

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Commission to Study Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in the State has developed a number of findings that require timely action by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Agricultural research. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in this resolve referred to as the "commissioner," shall investigate the potential to work with other northeastern states on the development and implementation of a program to apportion agricultural research among the land grant colleges in the different states with the goals of encouraging specialization and avoiding duplication; and be it further

Sec. 2. Energy costs. Resolved: That the commissioner shall work with the utility companies, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the State Planning Office to:

- A. Continue the discussion of the Commission to Study Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in the State with Central Maine Power Company regarding stray voltage in dairy barns, diesel deferral rates and the differences in rates offered to residential and commercial customers;
- B. Initiate similar discussions with other providers of electric service and initiate discussions regarding rates with other energy suppliers, including suppliers of natural gas; and