

HOUSE No. 1729

Mr. Dickie of Reading presented a petition of Thomas H. Johnston, Logan R. Dickie, Peter F. Fitzgerald, Harold Tompkins and other members of the General Court for the adoption of resolutions urging members of Congress from the New England States to confer with the Office of Price Administration with a view to quickly effecting an adjustment in the egg price ceilings in the New England area. Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

RESOLUTIONS URGING THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND STATES TO CONFER WITH THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION WITH A VIEW TO QUICKLY EFFECTING AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE EGG PRICE CEILINGS IN THE NEW ENGLAND AREA.

1 *Whereas*, At the suggestion of the Governor, The
2 General Court of Massachusetts on March 27, 1945
3 passed an act giving to him the powers he requested
4 as being necessary to secure during the present poul-
5 try shortage a sufficient supply of poultry to meet
6 the needs of hospitals in the care and treatment of
7 their patients; and
8 *Whereas*, The General Court believes that while
9 such action is necessary to meet the present crisis,
10 further action is necessary to stop certain unlawful

11 practices in the sale and distribution of poultry which
12 greatly aggravate the present shortage emergency;
13 and

14 *Whereas*, The General Court cannot by itself
15 remedy the fundamental causes of the existing emer-
16 gency which was, in its belief, originally caused by
17 the failure of the Office of Price Administration to
18 recognize the peculiar conditions under which the
19 New England poultry industry is forced to operate;
20 and

21 *Whereas*, The entire price structure as it applies to
22 table eggs must be immediately revised upward in
23 order to save what is left of the laying flocks now being
24 rapidly liquidated in the New England area; and

25 *Whereas*, A continuation of the current conditions
26 for even a short period of time will tend to completely
27 wreck the New England poultry industry; therefore
28 be it

29 *Resolved*, That The General Court of Massachu-
30 setts urges the members of Congress from each of the
31 New England states to confer with the Office of Price
32 Administration with a view to quickly effecting an
33 adjustment in the egg price ceilings in the New Eng-
34 land area, and to take promptly such other action as
35 may be necessary to rectify such conditions; and be it
36 further

37 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be trans-
38 mitted forthwith by the state secretary to the presid-
39 ing officer of each branch of Congress, to each of the

40 members of said Congress from each of the New Eng-
41 land states and to the Governor of each of said New
42 England states.

SENATE, March 28, 1945.

Adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

IRVING N. HAYDEN, *Clerk.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 28, 1945.

Adopted, in concurrence.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE, *Clerk.*

