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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 449

House of Representatives, January 27, 1965

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Carswell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Providing Aid to 24 Hour Club, Inc. of Portland.

24 Hour Club, Inc. of Portland; aid for. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,250 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$5,250 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to the 24 Hour Club, Inc. of Portland to aid the club in its alcoholic rehabilitation program.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The 24 Hour Club, Inc. is maintained as a rehabilitation center for alcoholics within a 50 mile area of Portland. It is self-supporting through 142 contributing members of A.A. It is supervised by 3 trustees and 9 directors, all Alcoholics Anonymous members.

Since November, 1963, the 24 Hour Club, Inc. has devoted 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in assisting the rehabilitation of alcoholics to residents of Maine and transients who have either been sent to them through agencies, good will advertising, word of mouth, penal institutions, etc. The spacious quarters and environment are compatible to the rehabilitation of alcoholics, through the constant attendance of a club steward and other alcoholics in the process of rehabilitation. A telephone is maintained in their quarters for assistance to those who seek their help. Many, many of those who have visited the club have become very active in the rehabilitation of others. They endeavor to acquaint all newcomers with the Alcoholics Anonymous program which meets in the hall 5 times a week.

As their services are limited by their income they cannot do what they feel would be an adequate job in regard to alcoholic rehabilitation and feel whatever financial aid and assistance given to the club by the State will enable them to expand their field considerably. The rental of \$1,250 per year and the need of a capable full-time steward would make a total of \$5,250 per year.