

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1025

S. P. 310

In Senate, February 26, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Aid in Constructing a School Building
in Danforth.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$25,000 to be paid to the Town of Danforth as a hardship grant for school construction aid. Said sum shall be expended on school construction in the Town of Danforth.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The gymnasium building of S.A.D. 14 in the Town of Danforth was completely destroyed by fire December 20th. Prior to this, the Danforth High School Building burned in 1958; and the Shaw School, a Danforth Elementary School, burned in 1959. Thus, in an eleven-year period, Danforth experienced 3 disastrous fires.

However, through great local effort, State construction, and a special appropriation of \$50,000 by the Legislature, the present grand school—an elementary school and secondary school combined—was completed in 1961. At present, there still remains \$75,000 to be paid out of the original bond Issue of \$111,000.

In June, 1968, the voters of S.A.D. 14 approved another bond issue of \$125,000, which, together with a \$50,000 building fund, will provide, when

completed, an industrial arts shop, science laboratory and 2 additional classrooms.

Now, due to the December fire, the citizens of this eminently depressed area are faced with even heavier tax burdens if they are to rebuild the gymnasium. Insurance proceeds from the destroyed gymnasium will be approximately \$30,000. It is estimated that a new gymnasium will cost a minimum of \$125,000, thus leaving a shortage of \$95,000. If the State will grant a hardship appropriation of \$25,000 as requested above, the district will still need to issue an additional \$70,000 in Bonds for which it is indicated the citizens of S.A.D. 14 are willing to obligate themselves. The voters of S.A.D. 14, therefore, appeal to the 104th Legislature for your help by approval of this legislation.