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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 239

H. P. 181

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Authorizing the County Commissioners of Sagadahoc County to Pay Medical Bills for Certain Deputy Sheriffs.

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 welfare of law enforcement officers in the State of Maine is of vital concern to the citizens of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, 2 deputy sheriffs of the County of Sagadahoc were severely injured in the line of duty on November 23, 1970 and have incurred substantial medical, hospital and other similar bills and charges for medical care and treatment, supplies and devices and will require additional expenditure of moneys; and

Whereas, the county commissioners of Sagadahoc County desire authority to pay from the contingent account of Sagadahoc County certain of the reference bills but are unsure of their specific authority to do so; 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,

County commissioners of Sagadahoc County authorized to pay medical bills for certain deputy sheriffs. Resolved: That the county commissioners of the County of Sagadahoc are authorized to pay from the county's contin-

gent account, medical, hospital and other bills and charges for medical care and treatment, supplies and devices, including, but not limited to, prosthetic devices, ambulance service, nursing service, including intensive care service, for Edward Newell and Maurice Sullivan of Bath and Richmond, respectively, not to exceed \$20,000 in the aggregate, which bills are attributable to injuries received on November 23, 1970 by Edward Newell and Maurice Sullivan, deputy sheriffs of the County of Sagadahoc, while they were investigating a possible crime in Phippsburg.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Deputy sheriffs Edward Newell and Maurice Sullivan were called to the residence of William Rader in Phippsburg, Maine on November 23, 1970 to investigate a possible crime. Shots were fired at the deputies and as a result thereof they were severely wounded. These wounds were received in the line of duty. This resolve would authorize the county commissioners of Sagadahoc County to pay bills referred to out of the contingent account.