

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 52

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated for the
2 Maine school for the deaf, the sum of seventeen thousand
3 five hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and one ;
4 also the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars for
5 the year nineteen hundred and two.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

For the past two years the Maine school for the deaf has had an appropriation of \$15,000 annually. This year the school asks for an appropriation of \$17,500 annually, or \$35,000 for the two years. The increase is asked for in order to accommodate many new pupils. The dormitory now has accommodations for 75 pupils comfortably, but since last September it has been overcrowded with 89 pupils. The hospital rooms have been used for sleeping apartments, a state of things which ought not to be allowed to exist permanently. The trustees have had in mind to ask the legislature to buy another house, but the owners of desirable adjacent property have refused to sell at a reasonable figure. Accordingly the trustees ask for sufficient additional appropriation to enable them to rent a suitable house for the next two years. If this is done additional assistants will be needed, besides fitting up and furnishing the new house. The trustees believe that the additional \$2,500 a year asked for will be barely enough to accomplish what they desire.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1901.

Reported by Mr. RANKIN, from Committee on Financial Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.