

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 170**

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House of Representatives, February 22, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Newcomb from Committee on Claims and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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RESOLVE, Reimbursing the County of Kennebec for Money Expended in Pursuing Insane Criminals Escaping from Augusta State Hospital.

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Resolved: That the sum of six hundred and sixty-six dollars and seventy-five cents be, and hereby is, appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one to be paid to the county of Kennebec to reimburse said county for bills paid in the pursuit of insane criminals who had escaped from Augusta State Hospital.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS

On July twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twenty, five insane criminals confined at the Criminal building of Augusta State Hospital after overpowering attendants made their escape. They were all men who had been convicted of serious crimes, two for murder, and considering the mental condition of each as well as desperate character, were bad men to be at large. The sheriff of Kennebec county was called upon to apprehend and recapture them, and owing to the gravity of the situation and his inability to cover and search the surrounding territory with his deputies at hand, he deemed it necessary to call in aid Co. H of Third Maine Infantry, in compliance with section seventy-seven, chapter fifteen of the revised statutes of Maine. This company accordingly with others were stationed about towns surrounding Augusta. There has been presented to the county treasurer of Kennebec county bills for the conveyance and maintenance of those thus employed in this duty and all such bills by said treasurer have been paid.

Inasmuch as these were criminals coming from different parts of the state and confined at a state institution the officials of the county feel that the expense should not fall upon Kennebec county, and that it should be reimbursed by the state for the money already paid out.