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Legislative Document

No. 1271

H. P. 1905

House of Representatives, March 4, 1949.

Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jones of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE in Favor of the Town of Bowdoin.

Town of Bowdoin; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$11,118.08 from the general fund of the state to be paid to the town of Bowdoin in payment of bills owed by the town of Bowdoin for fire fighting services during the forest fires of 1947.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The town of Bowdoin suffered a severe loss by fire October 16 to November 8, 1947. By law a town is not allowed to pay fire bills exceeding 1% of its valuation. Bowdoin's valuation is approximately \$200,000.

Bowdoin's total bill was \$13,097.98 of which \$1,979.90 was paid.

Bowdoin now contends that through property loss caused by the fire she is not in a position to pay even if she were allowed to and therefore pleads for the state to pay the debt.

The town is also afraid that if the bill is not paid it would be in no position to get help in case of another fire.