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Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Leavitt of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Providing for a Men's Dormitory at Gorham State Teachers' College.

Men's dormitory at Gorham state teachers' college; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the state the sum of \$250,000, to be expended by the state normal school and teachers' college board, for constructing and equipping a men's dormitory at the Gorham state teachers' college; and be it further

Resolved: That this appropriation shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year until such time as the building is constructed and the work completed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

With the increasing male enrollment at the Gorham State Teachers' College, it becomes imperative that more adequate facilities be made available to meet the rooming and living needs of such students. In past years, the relatively low percentages of male students have been housed as private roomers in the town of Gorham. Today such accommodations are decreasing annually. In the near future, only a small number of resident men students can be cared for in this manner. The state maintains no housing facilities for male students on the campus.

The college operates the only industrial arts program in the state. With the increasing demands for this program in the public schools, and with the improvement in the preparation of industrial arts teachers now in service, it is evident that the numbers of male students at the college will continue to increase. Through federal assistance, a new industrial arts building, with modern shop equipment, has been provided. This expansion has already attracted a growing number of male students into this curriculum. The recent advance of the institution to teacher-college status will draw more men into the general programs.

In providing attractive and desirable accommodations for 100 men students, under the direction of a housemother, a reduction in the personal expense of individual students would be effected as compared with current private-rooming rates. Such a building would give the college men comparable facilities which have been furnished historically for women students.

In addition, it would provide for dormitory living, out of which grow those significant social values which are possible to offer only through such student group life. Hitherto, this opportunity has been closed to the experience of these college men. In view of the great need for men in the elementary and junior high schools of the state, this facility would do much to attract and hold such prospective teachers. At present, the only provisions in the state exist at the State Normal School, Presque Isle, and at the Madawaska Training School, Fort Kent.

Because of this most evident and pressing need, the State Normal School and Teachers' College Board requests that \$250,000 be appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the state for constructing and equipping a men's dormitory at the Gorham State Teachers' College.