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In Senate, March 9, 1949.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Crosby of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE Providing for a Classroom and Library Building at Farmington State Teachers' College.

Classroom and library building at Farmington state teachers' college.

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the state the sum of \$470,000 to be expended by the state normal school and teachers' college board, for constructing and equipping a classroom and library building at the Farmington state teachers' college, and for converting and renovating the present library space.

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

The present library facilities of the Farmington State Teachers' College are inadequate to serve the needs of such a program. They are indefensible for educational purposes at this level. It is impossible to employ further temporary expediciencies within the present facilities. More room is needed to accommodate the increased number of volumes made possible by the perpetual income from a recent bequest of \$50,000.

The college has an insufficient number of classrooms. More space must be created. In particular, the home economics department has serious need for additional physical expansion.

Such a building as is proposed would (1) provide adequate library service space, (2) permit the development of a rural-school, lending-library service already planned, (3) add 4 adequate classrooms for general purposes, (4) extend home economics facilities, and (5) furnish space for conference activities and for functional work in arts now not provided by existing facilities.

- Because of these most evident needs, the State Normal School and Teachers' College Board requests that \$470,000 be appropriated for constructing and equipping a classroom and library building at the Farmington State Teachers' College, and for converting and renovating the present library space, the appropriation to be taken from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the state.