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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1034

House of Representatives, February 26, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Brockway of Milo tabled pending reference and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide Facilities for Expansion of Research and Study in the Fields of Agriculture and Industry and Student Housing and Appropriating Moneys Therefor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Animal science building. The University of Maine is hereby authorized to construct and equip an additional unit to the animal science building at a cost not to exceed \$330,000.

Sec. 2. Pulp and paper laboratory. The University of Maine is hereby authorized to construct and equip an addition to the chemistry building at a cost not to exceed \$370,000.

Sec. 3. Apple storage and packing building. The University of Maine is hereby authorized to construct and equip an apple storage and packing room at Highmoor Farm at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.

Sec. 4. Men's housing unit. The University of Maine is hereby authorized to construct 1 men's dormitory with a capacity of 250 or more students at a cost of \$800,000.

Sec. 5. Authorization to borrow for dormitory. The University of Maine is hereby authorized to borrow moneys in an amount not to exceed

\$400,000 to provide funds to aid in the construction of the dormitory mentioned in section 4. Any loans thus made shall not be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. The authorization to borrow under the provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 1955, but any loan made prior to July 1, 1955 may be renewed or extended during a period of 10 years from the date of the original loan.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,165,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund to carry out the provisions of this act. This appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This addition would be the 2nd unit of a 3-section building. The 1st section, the animal pathology laboratory authorized by the 94th legislature, was constructed in 1950. The proposed unit will provide urgently needed classroom and added laboratory facilities for the diagnosis of poultry and animal diseases for students in animal industry, bacteriology, biochemistry and poultry, and make space available in other buildings for the development of a more effective program of agriculture teaching and research.

This wing would be the 2nd of 3 units of a chemical engineering building, the central portion of which was constructed in 1940. This addition is needed if the University is to maintain its high standing in pulp and paper instruction and research and effectively serve Maine's largest industry.

A room is needed for research studies in marketing. The storage will permit holding the main crop of apples, which previously had to be sold when picked, so that research may be conducted on more efficient methods of handling, reduction in bruising, improved containers and better merchandising.

Temporary barracks-type dormitories placed on the campus for student veterans are still used to accommodate 244 men students. These units must be given up as soon as possible because they are in **poor repair**, **expensive** to operate, and in every way fall far short of meeting accepted minimum standards of college housing.