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House of Representatives, February 26, 1953.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Roberts, Sr. of Dexter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

RESOLVE, in Favor of the Town of Garland.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present school building in the town of Garland is overcrowded, inadequate and unsafe; and

Whereas, the overcrowded, inadequate and unsafe conditions of said school building are detrimental to the public health and safety; and

Whereas, repairing the present school building is vitally necessary; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible moment to relieve these conditions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Town of Garland; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated in favor of the town of Garland, Penobscot county, and sum of \$10,000 from the general fund to repair the school building and improve the surrounding grounds, said school building having been condemned by the departments of education and insurance. Said sum shall be

expended under the direction and supervision of the school building committee of the town of Garland, and shall not lapse but remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Garland, a town of approximately 400 inhabitants 100 of whom are school children, consists mostly of small farmers—there is no other industry. The valuation of the town is \$250,000, with a debt of \$18,000, way and beyond the debt limit. They have a tax rate of 134 mills, one of the highest if not the highest in the state.

The present building is 90 or 100 years old; the grounds are very low and much of the time during the school year are muddy or icy, unhealthy and dangerous.

At times water stands on the grounds.

Both the building and grounds have been condemned by the departments of education and insurance, leaving the town without facilities or housing for the scholars—a very serious condition and one the town is unable to cope with.

While this building was undoubtedly adequate at the time it was built, it does not pass the minimum requirements set up by the state.