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In Senate, April 22, 1953.

Reported by Senator Collins of Aroostook from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

RESOLVE, in Favor of the Forestry Department.

Forestry department; appropriation for construction and improvements.
Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$14,200 for the 1953-54 fiscal year and \$9,900 for the 1954-55 fiscal year for construction and improvement to the warden living quarters and other improvements related thereto. Such expenditures shall be recommended by the forestry commissioner and approved by the governor and council. It is the intent of the legislature that the forestry commissioner shall present to the governor and council for their approval such plans as may seem necessary in describing the need for the living quarters set forth in the departmental capital improvement and construction request, and that in their final consideration approval shall be given to such of those expenditures as best accomplish essential improvements in the department facilities.

Any balances at June 30, 1954 shall be carried forward to the 1954-55 fiscal year, but all unencumbered appropriation balances shall lapse June 30, 1955.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The forestry department employs generally on a seasonal basis fire wardens located in areas specified by the department. It is of obvious benefit to the department to have these wardens established at predetermined points. The sums suggested in the appropriation provided above are in general those sums required to purchase materials with the labor component of the total cost being supplied by the warden personnel.

Below is an itemized tabulation of the department's request, which request was approved in the budget recommendation of the governor:

	Department Request	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
Forestry		
Warden living quarters—Richmond	3,000	—
Warden living quarters—Mechanic Falls	2,500	—
Warden living quarters—Benton	3,300	—
Warden living quarters—Dover-Foxcroft	2,500	—
Well drilling and land improvement—various locations	1,500	—
Purchase of land—various locations	800	—
Watchman's Camp—Ossipee Mountain	600	—
Warden living quarters—Union	—	3,300
Warden living quarters—Morrill	—	3,300
Warden living quarters—Cornish	—	3,300
Total	<u>14,200</u>	<u>9,900</u>