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To Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor of Maine
~~From Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General~~

Subject: Maine State Office Building Authority

P. & S. L., 1941, Chapter 76, Section 6, provides as follows:

"The commission shall forthwith employ an architect and cause to be prepared subject to its approval suitable plans and specifications. . . ."

Section 9 reads in part as follows:

"In order to procure funds necessary for the construction of the building. . . architect's fees. . . the Building Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money, and to issue therefor notes. . . ."

There is no other provision for getting funds for the immediate needs of the Commission. Were it not for the wording of Section 9, it would be necessary to say that the only available source of money would be from the emergency funds of the State. However, the provision in Section 9 authorizing the borrowing of money is sufficiently broad to authorize temporary borrowing from the general funds of the State.

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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