

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 12, 1961.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Minsky of Bangor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing for the Expansion of Water Lines at the University of  
Maine in Orono.**

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

**Sec. 1. Water lines, expansion of.** The University of Maine is authorized to expand its campus water distribution system to insure a supply of water at all times.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the University of Maine the sum of \$173,000 to carry out this act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The university owns its campus water distribution system and purchases water at a correspondingly low rate.
2. The present system is being overtaxed and, at certain times of day, pressure becomes lower than it should. The addition of academic buildings, dormitories and dining halls will make this condition very serious.
3. This plan is the first step in a revised system as recommended by consulting engineers for future campus development. It includes a standpipe to insure a constant supply as, in case of a breakdown, the steam plant can operate for only about 20 minutes during zero weather without make-up feed water

(it is impossible to use river water without extensive and expensive treatment procedures). It is imperative, also, to keep in operation a 25 bed infirmary and residence and dining halls for about 2,000 students.