

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 337

H. P. 222

House of Representatives, January 17, 1961

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Harrington of Patten.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for Construction of a Women's Physical Education Building at University of Maine at Orono.

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

Sec. 1. Women's physical education building, construction of. The University of Maine is authorized to construct, furnish and equip a women's physical education building at its Orono campus.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the University of Maine the sum of \$925,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund 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

Available space for conducting a program of physical education for women is very inadequate and will not permit additional enrollment in this field. Already classes are being held in women's dormitory areas thus interfering with the intended use of such areas by dormitory residents.

The number of women desiring to attend an institution of higher learning is increasing rapidly and makes the situation very critical.

The proposed building provides space for expanding enrollment and, in addition to the usual classroom and normal gymnasium features, has rooms for remedial treatment of physical defects and facilities for individual sports de-

signed to promote mental and physical well-being. All these facilities are especially necessary in training majors in physical education who plan teaching and coaching careers.

The proposed building will be located adjacent to the women's dormitories and close by the women's athletic field. At present, women are compelled to travel halfway across the campus for out-of-doors training and games.

The existing women's gymnasium is located in alumni hall, the administration building. As soon as vacated, this area will be converted for use as administrative offices, providing for expansion and permitting centralization of administrative personnel under one roof instead of the present inefficient distribution throughout the campus.