

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 223

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 Mr. Pike of Lubec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for the Construction of an Engineering Building at the University of Maine in Orono.

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

Sec. 1. Engineering building; construction of. The University of Maine is authorized to construct, furnish and equip an engineering building at its Orono campus.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the University of Maine the sum of \$2,240,000 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

This building will provide space for the Department of Electrical Engineering, the Department of Engineering Graphics, a studio for the campus radio station, and studios for channel 12, educational television.

The Department of Electrical Engineering presently is housed in Lord Hall, constructed in 1904.

The department is overcrowded and cannot expand in its present location, yet this department already is one of the largest in the College of Technology and, due to the technological needs of industry, will continue to grow rapidly during the next decade.

The existing laboratory equipment in many cases is old and obsolete when compared with present-day equipment in use in industry and the central switchboard is unsafe for student use.

The Department of Electrical Engineering is in danger of losing its accreditation after one more year. Elimination of overcrowding, providing a more modern building with proper equipment will do much towards continued accreditation.

The proposed building provides space for the Department of Engineering Graphics now located in a temporary type building moved to the campus by the Federal Government following World War II.

All space vacated by electrical engineering and engineering graphics will be utilized by the College of Arts and Sciences already in direct need of additional space.

The television studios are of utmost importance in activating channel 12 as a part of a statewide educational television network.