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In Senate, January 24, 1961

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Ferguson of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE Providing Funds for Thayer Hospital, Waterville, to Aid its Rehabilitation Program.

Thayer Hospital rehabilitation program; appropriation. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to Thayer Hospital in Waterville the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to aid the hospital in its rehabilitation program for the people of Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This matter of rehabilitation is now being studied and considered in the State of Maine. The need for physical rehabilitation of disabled workers was anticipated several years ago by the management of the Thayer Hospital in Waterville. This hospital already has a chronic care and rehabilitation wing available for the work of physical rehabilitation and has also built up a trained staff to carry out the work. Insurance companies are in part now sending insured claimants to the Thayer Hospital for advanced therapeutic treatment and the insurance companies are paying for the service rendered. It is expected that in 5 years the rehabilitation center at Thayer will be self-sustaining. The Thayer Hospital should be granted some assistance for its rehabilitation program. The recommended minimum support is \$20,000 a year.