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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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No. 878

S. P. 277

In Senate, January 26, 1961

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Providing for the Construction of Dormitories at the Aroostook, Farmington and Washington State Teachers' Colleges.

Aroostook, Farmington and Washington State Teachers' Colleges; appropriation for. Resolved: That there is appropriated to the Department of Education the sum of \$1,883,200 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the construction of a women's dormitory at the Aroostook State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$764,700; a women's dormitory at the Farmington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$603,000; a wing on the men's dormitory at the Washington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$230,000 and a women's dormitory at the Washington State Teachers' College at an estimated cost of \$285,500.

Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The proposed buildings are to provide for rapidly increasing enrollments at the 3 colleges. In addition to the increases in the number of prospective elementary teacher enrollees at Aroostook and Washington State Teachers, Colleges, the introduction of special programs for the preparation of teachers of health and physical education and of business education has swelled enrollments beyond the capacity of the existing dormitories. One section of the proposed dormitory for Aroostook was belatedly requested of the 99th Legislature when the upswing in enrollment became apparent.

At Farmington 318 women are enrolled, and with dormitory accommodations for only 260, eligible students are being refused admission because of lack of available space. The Farmington dormitory request was originally presented to the 99th Legislature.

The housing situation at the colleges is more critical than ever and will seriously curtail their growth unless more living space is provided.