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No. 1672

H. P. 1219 House of Representatives, November 27, 1961
The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.
Presented by Mr. Briggs of Portland. HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

**AN ACT Providing for the Construction of an Emergency Operating Center for
State Government in Farmington.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the international situation has deteriorated to an extremely serious condition subsequent to the last legislative session; and

Whereas, the President's Executive Order 10952 of July 20, 1961 included protecting the emergency operational capability of state and local government agencies in keeping with plans for the continuity of government; and

Whereas, continuity of government legislation provides for the emergency location of State Government (chapter 1, section 42-44 of the Revised Statutes); and

Whereas, protected facilities are absolutely essential for the functioning of State Government under emergency conditions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Construction of an emergency operating center. The State Civil Defense and Public Safety Agency is authorized to construct an emergency operating center for State Government at Farmington.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Civil Defense and Public Safety Agency from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$269,000 to carry out the purposes of this act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This proposed emergency operating center is a protected facility in which control of the operating forces of an established government is exercised during emergency periods. Guidance and instructions to the general population during emergency periods also originate here. An emergency operating center should also provide maximum safety consistent with the operational requirements for which it will be used. It should be constructed to provide protection to its occupants and equipment against such of the effects of air blast, thermal radiation, initial and residual ionizing radiation, including fallout, and of chemical and biological agents as might be expected at its location. As a minimum, this will include protection against fallout radiation and chemical and biological agents. The emergency operating center must have the necessary space, equipment, supplies, and operating records for efficient emergency operations and for prolonged occupancy during periods of intense fallout. Special attention should be given to the required communications equipment and facilities. Provisions should be made for the necessary food, medical and other supplies, including their storage within the center.

Supplementing the above advantages is the federal contribution of $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of construction for the control center.