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No. 1648

S. P. 656

In Senate, January 6, 1964

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Campbell of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Appropriating Additional Funds for the Distribution of Donated
Commodities Program.**

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

Whereas, the State Department of Education is designated as the State Agency for the distribution and use of Federal donated commodities and under an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture is required to perform certain supervisory, inspection and regulatory functions associated with the program; and

Whereas, appropriations presently available for the distribution of the donated commodities program are insufficient to permit the continuation at the present level of the distribution of federally-donated foods to eligible school lunch programs, institutions, including state institutions other than penal institutions, to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Needy Family Program administered through local welfare agencies, and to non-profit, tax-exempt summer camps for children, nor do they permit the correction of the present inadequacy of field supervision of the program which constitutes, as reported by Federal agency representatives, "a major deficiency" which would require the appropriation of sufficient funds for field supervision; and

Whereas, the alternative to the provision of the necessary funds for the required supervision of the program is a curtailment in the level of operations which would be applicable solely to school lunch programs, institutions, including state institutions and non-profit, tax-exempt camps for children, by the elimi-

nation of donations of low-value commodities having an approximate aggregate annual wholesale value of \$154,000; 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:

Appropriation for the employment of necessary additional staff and other operating expenses for the Distribution of Donated Commodities Program. In order to provide for the employment of the necessary additional staff for the Distribution of Donated Commodities Program for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1964 and ending June 30, 1965, the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary are appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1963-64	1964-65
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Donated Commodities Program		
Personal Services	(1 3/10) \$2,863	(1 3/10) \$4,210
All Other	2,155	2,630
	\$5,018	\$6,840

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