

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 503

H. P. 391

House of Representatives, January 26, 1965

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

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McKinnon of So. Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Provide Funds for the Renovation of a Training Vessel at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in South Portland.

Renovation of training vessel. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$50,000 to the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 to renovate the training vessel "Aqualab" or another vessel from government surplus as determined by the State Board of Education. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1967.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute has a 136-foot training vessel, the Aqualab. Last May the U. S. Coast Guard changed her classification from a fishing vessel to a Nautical School Ship. To be so licensed requires extensive alterations to the bilge pump system, electrical wiring, safety devices, bulkheads, etc. The cost is estimated at \$50,000. The State Board of Education has authorized investigation to ascertain whether there is available another government surplus vessel which more nearly meets Coast Guard regulations. Because this takes time, this bill requests that \$50,000 be made available when the State Board of Education determines which is the wisest procedure. At present, the "Aqualab" is not allowed to leave the dock, so students are not receiving any practical sea training.