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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 1741

H. P. 1246

House of Representatives, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carroll of Limerick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys for Reconstruction of the McLellan House
at Gorham State College.**

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, dormitory facilities at the Gorham State College are badly in need of expansion in order to provide for existing enrollments; and

Whereas, a residence called the McLellan House which has recently been purchased by the college can be modernized and reconstructed so as to provide a dormitory for 16 women students; and

Whereas, in order to complete this reconstruction prior to the reopening of college next fall it is vitally necessary that the work be commenced as soon as possible this year; 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. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education, Gorham State College, the sum of \$47,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966. Any unencumbered balances at June 30, 1966, shall not

lapse but shall carry forward into the 1966-67 fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose. The breakdown shall be as follows:

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Gorham State College	1965-66	1966-67
Reconstruction of McLellan House	\$47,000	—

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. An emergency housing situation will exist at Gorham State College in September, 1966, making it impossible for the college to maintain its current enrollment unless measures can be worked out to provide 107 additional dormitory spaces.
2. The present project can provide relatively low-cost housing. The cost per student is just under \$3,000 as compared with more than \$4,500 per student in new dormitory construction.
3. In effect, the project will pay for itself as money collected for room rent is returned to the General Fund of the State.
4. Under the terms of the will by which the property was acquired, the State is obligated to maintain the house. Such maintenance is wasteful if the facilities are not used to the advantage of the State.