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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 536

H. P. 409

House of Representatives, February 3, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the Completion of Renovating Kupelian Hall, Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

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

Whereas, the 104th Legislature appropriated funds which were used to renovate one-half of Kupelian Hall, Pineland Hospital and Training Center; and

Whereas, the following legislation is necessary to continue such renovation to the remainder of the building without interruption; and

Whereas, further delay would result in increased construction costs; 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 to Pineland Hospital and Training Center, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the sum of \$340,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to complete the construction of and equipment for Kupelian Hall.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Kupelian Hall Renovations

A total of \$350,000 was approved in the private and special laws, 1969, chapter 194, and subsequently approved by the voters, for the complete renovation of Kupelian Hall, Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

Wright Associates (Lewiston, Maine) the architects, presented plans for the complete renovation of this building. The available moneys (\$350,000) were sufficient to renovate one-half of the building. These renovations are in progress and are considered Phase I of a two-phase project.

Phase II involves the renovation of the remaining one-half of the building. Wright Associates estimated renovation costs to be \$300,000. Pineland estimates equipment costs to be \$40,000. The total costs for completion are \$340,000.

This is requested as an emergency bill due to time and cost factors. If the money is available during this coming session, this project could be continued without interruption. If we don't have to move the present contractors out of the building, their bid for Phase II should be lower than under normal conditions. Delays would also result in increased construction costs. In terms of the construction deadlines, it appears that Phase II should be initiated by April of 1971 if we are to take advantage of possible savings. If moneys are made available from unappropriated surplus, then we could submit specifications for bidding. Bidding and acceptance usually takes two months, and this would allow us to get started immediately.

This early date also allows for better patient care. During renovations, we house patients under sub-standard conditions which we would not normally employ. If this construction is conducted during the summer months, we are able to reduce the negative aspects through extensive outdoor activities. This would not be possible if the contract is awarded at a later date, as construction would continue into the winter months.

The initial request of \$467,334.87, submitted in 1969, was based on estimated costs at that time. Cost increases, as well as the reduced appropriation (\$350,000) partially account for the request for additional moneys.