

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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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

RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds for Swimming Pool at Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

Swimming pool at Pineland; appropriation for. Resolved: That there is appropriated to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$100,000 to aid in the construction of a swimming pool.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Specifically, you are being asked to establish and support a Swimming Pool Construction Fund Drive for the benefit of the patients at the Pineland Hospital and Training Center.

The administration at Pineland Hospital has long recognized the great therapeutic and rehabilitative values of swimming and hydro-therapy as a distinct and major contribution to hundreds of long-term hospital programs throughout the country.

The Union (AFSCME) is presently conducting a drive for funds, but needs additional support from the Legislature in the amount of approximately \$100,000 to be used to match its subscriptions.

I. Needs for pool

- A. To provide additional physical restoration activities in conjunction with the physical medicine program.

- B. To provide an additional therapeutic factor for emotionally disturbed patients.
- C. To provide a diversionary recreational activity.
- D. To provide for the development of swimming skills which enhance the patients' potential for growth and community placement.
- E. To improve body control and balance.
- F. To offer an additional opportunity to socialize.

II. Design of the pool

- A. Building: 47' x 132'; main pool: 25' x 75', depth of 3' graduated to 12'; therapeutic pool: 25' x 25', depth of 3' all around.
- B. To include stairs, ramps and life ropes to act as self-help devices and teaching aids.
- C. Building and swimming pool complex to be attached to existing Gymnasium.

III. Estimated cost based on current figures is approximately \$200,000

Note: The use of Federal and State funds has been explored in the past without success.