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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 712

H. P. 530

House of Representatives, February 8, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kelley of Machias.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Down East Community Hospital of Machias.

Down East Community Hospital of Machias; reimbursed. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$3,374.90 to be paid to the Down East Community Hospital as a full and final payment and reimbursement for medical and hospital aid extended to certain persons.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In April of 1970 a Mr. Linwood Bowden, Jr. of Cherryfield and a Mr. William Newenham of Columbia were involved in an assault in Columbia during which Mr. Bowden was shot and Mr. Newenham was injured.

Mr. Bowden was brought to the hospital by the Maine State Police and a deputy sheriff was placed on guard after his arrival on the night of April 15, 1970. Mr. Newenham was admitted shortly thereafter. Mr. Bowden was hospitalized from April 15, 1970 to May 28, 1970 with a charge amounting to \$2,896. Mr. Newenham was hospitalized from April 16, 1970 to April 26, 1970 with his charges amounting to \$478.90.

Neither of these men had any money and as a result the Down East Community Hospital has had to assume the cost which does not seem justified. Efforts were made to collect from Washington County, the Maine State Police and the Department of Health and Welfare, but to no avail.