

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 97

S. P. 48

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

In Senate, January 18, 1977

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

Cosponsor: Senator Morrell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the Save Loring Committee.

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

Whereas, on March 11, 1976, the United States Air Force announced plans for an 83% reduction of Loring Air Force Base at Limestone; and

Whereas, Loring Air Force Base has been an integral part of Limestone, Van Buren, Fort Fairfield, Caribou and Presque Isle; and

Whereas, the proposed cutback will result in a loss of \$126,000,000 in gross state product and an increase in the Aroostook County unemployment rate to 18%; and

Whereas, the Save Loring Committee has expended substantial sums to retain consultants and other experts; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to aid in defraying the expenses incurred in opposing the proposed reduction; 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 Save Loring Committee the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977

to assist the Save Loring Committee in its efforts to prevent the reduction of Loring Air Force Base. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to make an appropriation of \$50,000 to assist the Save Loring Committee in its efforts to prevent the reduction of Loring Air Force Base.