

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1590

H. P. 1343

House of Representatives, April 13, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Najarian of Portland, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. LeBlanc of Van Buren.

Cosponsor: Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Amateur Athletic Union
Cultural Exchange Program.**

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

Whereas, it is the intent of this bill to provide much needed funds to carry on the Maine Amateur Athletic Union Cultural Exchange Program; and

Whereas, there are several important cultural exchange events which will be taking place this summer; and

Whereas, this appropriation must become effective before 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature if this appropriation is to aid these summer events; 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:

Maine Amateur Athletic Union Cultural Exchange Program; Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, Maine Amateur Athletic Union Cultural Exchange Program, for the fiscal years 1977-78 and 1978-79 the sum of \$15,000 to be used to provide partial funding of expenses, including lodging and

travel expenses, associated with the program. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine Amateur Athletic Union		
Cultural Exchange Program	\$10,000	\$5,000

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill partially funds an international cultural exchange experience for Maine high school age youth.

The program's potential in terms of educational and cultural growth far transcends the singular importance of the athletic competition alone. Wrestling is only the foundation from which this unique program builds. In effect, its a mini-olympic experience.

The funds appropriated by this bill will be used to conduct 4 elimination and selection tournaments in the spring of 1977; travel by charter jet to Frankfort, Germany, plus land transportation and return, postage, liability and accident insurance, and a minimum of administrative cost.

To date, this program has been supported by contributions from local businesses and industry, private citizens, the news media, the Governor and the youths themselves.