

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 255

H. P. 207

House of Representatives, February 1, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tierney of Lisbon Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Purchase 500 copies of "The History of Current  
Maine Newspapers" by Alan R. Miller.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**State Library; appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1979-80

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF

Library

All Other

\$5484

Provides funds to purchase 500 copies of  
"The History of Current Maine News-  
papers" by Professor Alan R. Miller.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill appropriates funds to enable the State Library to purchase copies of  
"The History of Current Maine Newspapers" by Professor Alan R. Miller.

It has been the traditional policy of the Legislature to support publications dealing with Maine history. In his 627 page book, Professor Miller, a journalism professor at the University of Maine, has produced a history of such comprehensiveness and detail that it promises to be one of the major existing works on Maine newspapers. Clearly, this book deserves the solid support of the Maine Legislature.

This bill will authorize the State Library to purchase sufficient copies for its own use and for distribution to the various libraries of the State.

This book currently sells for \$14.95 in paperback and \$17.95 in hardback. The appropriation allows for a purchase of 250 hardback copies and 250 paperback copies, and also allows for a  $\frac{1}{3}$  quantity discount.