

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 185

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum
2 of twenty thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and
3 one, and the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the year
4 nineteen hundred and two, for the purpose of repairing the
5 first wing for men, and the first wing for women, of the
6 Maine Insane Hospital. Said sum to be expended under the
7 direction of the trustees of insane hospitals.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The buildings for which an appropriation is asked for adjoin the central structure of the hospital. One of these has been in constant service for over sixty years. The exterior of the other building was constructed at the same time but was remodeled after the fire fifty years ago. Both buildings have been occupied largely by an uncleanly class of patients, where constant cleansing has been required, in consequence of which the timbers are decaying and the floors much dilapidated. The construction is exceedingly primitive and heating and ventilation are very deficient. In consequence of an excess of patients it would have been impossible to have renovated the buildings prior to this time, but on the removal of patients to Bangor the buildings can be set apart for renovation during the coming two years. The condition of the buildings is such that the safety of the patients who are to occupy them imperatively demands that these repairs be made at once. The architect's estimate of the cost of doing the work is \$49,000 but the trustees believe that by the exercise of the strictest economy they can keep within the appropriation asked for.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 20, 1901.

Reported by Mr. PORTER of Bangor, from Committee on Insane Hospital, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*