

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 520

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the trustees of the University of Maine.

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*Resolved,* That the trustees of the University of Maine are  
2 hereby authorized and directed to erect and equip at Said Uni-  
3 versity a central heating and power plant and such machine,  
4 wood and iron working shops and laboratories as may be  
5 required for the use of the departments of mechanical and  
6 electrical engineering, and that there be, and hereby is, appro-  
7 priated for this purpose the sum of twenty thousand dollars,  
8 of which sum ten thousand dollars shall be paid to said trus-  
9 tees during the current year and the balance during the year  
10 nineteen hundred and four.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

When, nineteen years ago, the present wooden shop building was erected on the campus the total number of students in the college was ninety-one and of these but twelve required the use of the shop. Of the four hundred and eighty-two students now in attendance at the university, one hundred and forty-three are registered in the engineering courses which require thorough instruction in a suitable shop. The shop building, never substantial in construction, is entirely too small for the engineering student body required to use it; for the proper placing and protection of the valuable machinery used therein, and ought not, in view of its condition, to be longer used. From it light is now furnished for the several university buildings; heat is supplied to but four buildings, while all others, some twelve in number, are warmed by independent boilers, furnaces or stoves.

A concentration of the heating, lighting and power apparatus in a central plant would result in great saving of time, fuel and labor and materially benefit the service of the institution.

Funds are not available to the trustees for the aforesaid purposes as the present income of the university is sufficient only to cover the expenses of instruction and maintenance.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 21, 1903.

Report tabled pending acceptance, and resolve ordered printed, on motion of Mr. PUTNAM of Houlton.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*