

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 508

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the State School for Boys.

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*Resolved,* That there be and are hereby appropriated for and  
2 in behalf of the State School for Boys the following sums  
3 and for the following purposes, namely: For the year nine-  
4 teen hundred and five, for current expenses, twenty-four  
5 thousand dollars; for ordinary repairs and improvements,  
6 two thousand dollars; for providing homes for boys and  
7 visiting boys out on probation, two hundred fifty dollars;  
8 for insurance premiums on the property of the State School  
9 for Boys, one thousand dollars; for remodeling and repairing  
10 main building, thirteen thousand dollars. For the year nine-  
11 teen hundred and six, for current expenses, twenty-four  
12 thousand dollars; for ordinary repairs and improvements,  
13 two thousand dollars; for insurance on the property of the

14 State School for Boys, one thousand dollars; for providing  
15 homes for boys and visiting boys out on probation, two  
16 hundred fifty dollars; for remodeling and repairing main  
17 building, thirteen thousand dollars.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The State School for Boys is changing from the congregate to the cottage plan. The current expenses for the next two years, during this transition, will be thereby somewhat increased. The greater cost of flour, groceries, meats, clothing and other necessities of life have also increased the expenses of the school. The sum of twenty-four thousand dollars for 1905 and the same sum for 1906 is estimated to be required for current expenses.

The keeping of swine is a necessary incident of the management of the school and at the same time has been found to be profitable. There is now no suitable place for keeping the number of swine required. An appropriation of \$2,500 is considered necessary for the purpose of building a safe and convenient piggery. The present ice-house is inadequate for the needs of the school and \$750 is required for its rebuilding.

It is estimated that the same sums will be required in 1905 and 1906 that were appropriated in 1903 for ordinary repairs, for providing homes for boys and for visiting boys out on probation.

The property of the State School for Boys comprises ten buildings of an aggregate value, including contents, of about \$200,000. In the opinion of the trustees this property should be at least partially protected against loss by fire, by insurance, and for this purpose an appropriation of \$1,000 is asked for the year 1905 and the same sum for 1906. This appropriation will provide a reasonable amount of insurance for a term of five years.

The remodelling of the interior of the main building was a part of the plan contemplated under the resolve of 1903, and formed an essential part in the modernizing of the institution. The increase in cost of labor and material over the estimates of 1903 has made it impossible to carry out the original plans in respect to this building. Without the contemplated changes in this building to give proper offices, workrooms, bake shops, laundry, and rooms for general administrative purposes the present cottage plan would be incomplete and inefficient. An economical and efficient use of the building cannot be obtained from a partial renovation. The cost of putting this building into proper condition with necessary furnishings is estimated at \$28,000, in addition to the unexpended balance of \$11,000 now in the hands of the trustees from the appropriation of 1903.

## STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, March 10, 1905.

Reported by Mr. GOODWIN from Committee on State School for  
Boys and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*