

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 234

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolved, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars be, and
2 the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Eastern
3 Maine Insane Hospital for the year 1905, and the sum of
4 sixty thousand dollars for the year 1906, said sums to be
5 expended under the direction of the trustees of insane hos-
6 pitals, for the purpose of erecting a wing of the same mate-
7 rials and general character as those now existing at said
8 hospital.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The absolute necessity of increased accommodations for the insane of the State is apparent. The Eastern Maine Insane Hospital was opened in July, 1901, with one hundred and forty-five patients transferred from the overcrowded Maine Insane Hospital at Augusta.

The Maine Insane Hospital at Augusta contains more than one hundred patients in excess of its normal capacity, so that transfers to that institution are not deemed expedient.

The natural increase in the number of insane under treatment, since the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital was opened, has filled that hospital to its capacity, so that the hospitals are as overcrowded to-day as when that hospital was opened.

The building provided by this resolve cannot be made available for occupancy for more than two years. Long before the expiration of this period, the hospitals will be crowded to an extent hitherto unknown, if they are not obliged to refuse to receive further patients.

The natural and usual increase in the number of insane under treatment, within the next two years, with the present excess above the normal capacity of the hospitals, will be more than sufficient to supply the two hundred patients necessary to fill the wing provided by this resolve, to their utmost capacity, as soon as they can be completed.

The majority of the committee on insane hospitals, to which was referred "Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

C. C. MORRISON,
W. E. PLUMMER,
A. C. HAGERTHY,
ISAAC LIBBEY,
STEPHEN C. WHITMORE,
A. M. GARCELON,
C. W. JORDAN,
A. J. FULTON.

The minority of the committee on insane hospitals, to which was referred "Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

L. C. MORSE,
CHAS. H. RANDALL.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 15, 1905.

Pending acceptance of either report, laid on table to be printed and Tuesday, March 21, assigned for their consideration, on motion by Mr. STETSON of Penobscot.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*