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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 54

In Senate, Jan. 22, 1913.

Reported by Senator Allan from Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE to provide Steel Cases for Regimental Rolls.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the 2 sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the year nineteen hun-3 dred and thirteen for the purchase of suitable steel filing 4 cases for the regimental rolls of Maine organizations which 5 served in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion 1861-6 1865, the same to be expended under the direction of the 7 adjutant general of the State.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS.

An appropriation of \$1,500 is required to provide fire-proof cases for the rolls of the Maine organizations which had service in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, 1861-1865. These rolls have been mounted on tracing linen and suitably protected so that they are available for examination without further deterioration. The work of mounting, which was begun about twenty years ago, was completed during the year 1912 and with full knowledge of the exact filing space required it is now practicable to provide suitable permanent cases for these priceless historical papers. They are stored in wooden cases which have been provided from time to time as the work progressed. These cases are not structurally strong enough to carry the load and furnish no protection from fire. Estimates submitted by manufacturers of steel filing cases indicate that suitable cases can be provided within the appropriation suggested. The Department of Maine, G. A. R., at its last annual encampment, passed a resolution advocating an appropriation for this purpose.