

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 216

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Thibodeau from Committee on Library,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE for an appropriation for traveling libraries suitable for high schools in towns having no public libraries.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated annually for the years 1915 and 1916 for the purchase of traveling libraries for circulation among high schools located in those cities or towns having no public libraries. That the libraries be made up of books, lantern slides, charts and other reference material selected by the state superintendent of schools and purchased and circulated by the state library commission as provided in chapter 9 three, revised statutes.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

There are 111 high schools in towns having no library facilities. In these towns the students are handicapped by not having access to the standard authors and as many reference books as are desirable. These books are not available in the traveling libraries as now constituted.

The expense of owning lantern slides, special charts, maps, etc., is so great that the towns are not able to buy them. As they are not in constant use, a few sets would meet the needs of many schools.