

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 327

House of Representatives, Feb. 20, 1917.

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

RESOLVE to provide funds to pay the outstanding debts of
the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control
of Tuberculosis.

*Resolved, That the sum of six thousand six hundred and
2 sixty-three dollars and seventy-two cents (\$6,663.72) be and
3 is hereby appropriated to pay the outstanding debts of the
4 Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of
5 Tuberculosis, and same to be expended under the direction
6 of the Board of Trustees for Tuberculosis Sanatoriums.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Trustees of the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis will ask the legislature of 1917 to appropriate the sum of \$6,663.72 to pay for the care and treatment of tubercular patients at the Fairfield Sanatorium for the eight months from January 1st to September 1, 1915, at which time the sanatorium was purchased by the state. Beginning in 1909 the legislature has at each session made an appropriation to assist the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis in the treatment of tubercular patients. The legislature of 1913 appropriated \$15,000 for the use of the above association, to reimburse it for the difference between the cost of treatment of patients and the amount which said patients were able to pay for treatment during the years of 1913 and 1914.

The above association withdrew its request before the legislature of 1915 for another appropriation for maintenance, with the general understanding that the legislature would appropriate a sum of money and authorize the appointment of a commission which would purchase the Fairfield Sanatorium, and would assume the expenses for maintenance beginning Jan. 1, 1916.

The State Tuberculosis Commission which was authorized and appointed did not find it possible with the available funds to assume the cost of maintenance from Jan. 1, 1915, to the time the purchase was made, Sept. 1, 1915. The members of the commission were, also, of the opinion that the law as passed did not authorize them to assume this obligation. The members of the commission did, however, personally recommend at the time of purchase that the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis should apply to the legislature of 1917 for a special appropriation to cover this expense which the directors and creditors had personally assumed rather than to allow the institution to be temporarily closed and the patients deprived of the treatment; expecting

that the state would at the proper time assume the obligations.

During the eight months above referred to the sanatorium furnished treatment continually for about forty patients with a monthly deficit of about \$1,000.00.