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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary. Presented by Senator Hanold of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide for Post War Planning.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Purpose of act. The purpose of this act is to provide for the welfare of the people of the state during the economic readjustment period following the present war.

Sec. 2. Duties of the Maine development commission. The Maine development commission, in addition to its duties and powers as already provided by law, is hereby further authorized and directed to cooperate with the various departments of the state, the federal government or any of its agencies, the municipalities of this state, or private agencies within this state in developing and coordinating long-range plans for post war activities, and shall report to the governor and council on its activities under this section as occasion demands or as the governor and council may request.

Sec. 3. Definition. "Post war activities" whenever used in this act shall mean any activities involving employment in the field of public or private enterprise which will aid in facilitating the change from the economy of war to an economy of peace.

Sec. 4. "Maine Post War Public Works Reserve" Established. There is hereby established an account to be known as the "Maine Post War Pub-

lic Works Reserve" for which there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000 to be taken from the sinking fund reserve of the general fund, which account shall be set up as a separate account on the books of the state and shall be available only for expenditures by the state for projects involving post war activities for capital acquisition, replacement, improvements, construction, reconstruction and deferred maintenance, including, but not by way of limitation, expenditures made in cooperation with the federal government or its agencies for the purpose of carrying out such projects, which expenditures may include the cost of plans and specifications for such projects and general surveys related thereto, provided, however, that the cost of such plans, specifications and surveys shall not exceed \$50,000 in the aggregate.

Sec. 5. Governor and council to approve plans. The governor and council shall consider the reports of the Maine development commission, submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 2 hereof, and shall determine which project or projects are approved.

Sec. 6. Expenditures from the "Maine Post War Public Works Reserve" authorized. When any project or projects are approved, as provided in the preceding section, the governor and council may approve allotments from the "Maine Post War Public Works Reserve" for such amount as is necessary to carry such project or projects into effect, up to the amount available in said reserve, and the governor and council shall designate the department or agency of the state which is to be charged with the duty of directing the expenditure of said amount in carrying out the approved project and may issue their warrant directing the state controller to authorize expenditures on the basis of such allotments.