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House of Representatives, February 8, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Postwar Planning, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cousins of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, Providing for Construction and Repair of Houses on the
Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Reservations.**

**Houses on the Indian Reservations; construction and repair of. Re-
solved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$147,000
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and the sum of \$146,000 for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, to the department of health and welfare
out of the unappropriated surplus of the general fund for the construction,
repair and renovation of houses on the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot In-
dian reservations.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Indian Reservation Improvements. At present 1,200 Indians live in 200 homes, about 150 of which are one or two story shacks. The \$100,000 now being spent yearly for the support, maintenance and education of the Indians would produce greatly improved results if they were properly housed. It is proposed that a total of 75 new houses, of 3 different types, be built at an estimated cost of \$248,000 and that \$600 be spent on each of the 75 remaining houses. This would permit the Indians to live in houses that can be kept clean and warm. The replacement of the present crowded, unsanitary conditions will eliminate the high social cost currently endured.

The foregoing is a part of the Postwar Planning Program.