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Referred to the Committee on Claims, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Nichols of Windham.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Eugene Jorgensen, of South Windham.**

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**Eugene Jorgensen; compensated. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$267.34 to be paid to Eugene Jorgensen of South Windham, as a full and final settlement for his claim against the state for damages to his car caused by its use by escapees from the State Reformatory for Men; said sum to be paid from the general fund of the state.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

On the afternoon of March 19, 1946 2 inmates of the State Reformatory escaped from their work on a farm crew. Early in the evening they were seen in Westbrook, Maine and about 7 P. M. a car was reported as stolen in the vicinity where they were last seen. The car reported stolen was the property of Eugene Jorgensen of South Windham, Maine.

About 6 P. M. on March 21, 1946 the 2 escapees surrendered to the city police in Bangor voluntarily. When advised that they were suspected of having stolen a car in Westbrook they directed the police to the car which they had left in Bangor.

The car was a Nash, model 4014, License 7012, the property of Mr. Jorgensen. It had been driven at high speeds all over north, central and eastern Maine.

Mr. Merton R. Johnson, deputy-superintendent returned the car from Bangor to Mr. Jorgensen. Mr. Johnson filled it with oil before leaving Bangor and it was nearly dry when he arrived in Portland. The car showed very rough treatment and was obviously in need of an overhauling and replacement of lost and stolen accessories.

Mr. Jorgensen took it to the Nash-Brown, Inc. in Portland, on March 25 and it was returned to him repaired by that company on April 1, 1946. The total cost of repair, etc. is \$267.34. The paid invoice is enclosed. The parts cost is itemized on the back of the invoice, while a separate letter shows the breakdown on the labor cost.

Insofar as Mr. Jorgensen is concerned his is a just claim since his car was damaged by escapees at large from the state reformatory for men.