

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Larrabee of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Providing for the Construction of an Employees Dormitory
at the Augusta State Hospital.**

Augusta state hospital; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$225,000 for the construction of a dormitory to house 70 employees at the Augusta state hospital.

This appropriation shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward from year to year until such time as the building is constructed and the work completed.

This construction shall begin as soon as practicable and upon approval of the governor and council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Present housing accommodations for employees of the hospital are inadequate and many of them are unattractive to the type of personnel necessary for good hospital operation. Many are housed in top floors of patients' buildings and number of others are living in rooms without windows on the top floor of the old chapel.

A major factor in improving our hospital is its personnel. The only employees building on the grounds, outside of the nurses and a small staff house, is an old wooden building converted years ago for dormitory purposes.

If maintenance is to be a salary factor it should be adequate maintenance. Construction of the above building is necessary to the expansion of the hospital and the attraction of good personnel to its service.

This building will serve the immediate needs of the institution for employee housing and is essential. The hospital is without facilities for housing of married couples, who often make the best employees and the urgency of this construction is enhanced by the shorter work week requiring additional employees.