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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 28, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence 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 Completion of Dairy Barn at Augusta State Hospital.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the original barn and equipment at this institution were lost by fire; and

Whereas, it is necessary to have suitable quarters for the present herd; and

Whereas, the insurance proceeds from this loss are inadequate to construct proper unit and equip the same and provide proper storage space; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Completion of dairy barn at Augusta state hospital; appropriation. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$50,000 for the completion and

equipping of the dairy barn and replacement of general farm equipment lost in the fire of August 2, 1948, at the Augusta state hospital.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A fire destroyed the dairy barn and adjoining storage barns at the Augusta state hospital on August 2, 1948, with complete loss of property and considerable equipment stored in the buildings.

By authorization of the governor and council the insurance proceeds were made available for replacement of this unit so far as they would go and the governor and council authorized construction of the dairy unit within this amount of money, recognizing that additional appropriation by the legislature would be necessary to complete the program of replacement.

Accordingly, the following was deleted from the original plans:

- 1. Forty-foot extension to the south wing;
- 2. Construction of bull pen;
- 3. Fence work;
- 4. Furnishing and installing asbestos board ceiling; and
- 5. Two silos complete.

To accomplish the above and replace equipment lost in the fire an appropriation of \$50,000 will be necessary based on information from the general contractor and from his low bid, acceptance of which was authorized by the governor and council so that this work could start.

The buildings which were lost by fire were valued at \$100,000 and insured under the 80% clause. Insurance proceeds totaled \$80,100 for the buildings and \$14,400 for the equipment. The governor and council authorized use of all this money toward the emergency barn construction, completion of which hinges upon the above appropriation.