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S. P. 253

In Senate, February 3, 1949.

Referred to Committee on State Prison. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sleeper of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE Providing for Certain Construction at the Maine State Prison.

Maine state prison; appropriation for. Resolved: That the sum of \$225,000 be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the state for certain construction at the Maine state prison; and be it further

Resolved: That this appropriation shall not lapse and shall be carried forward from year to year until such time as the construction is completed; and be it further

Resolved: That this construction shall begin as soon as practicable and upon approval of the governor and council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The increase in the population of the State Prison has created a situation with the prison which is not amenable to sound prison practices; namely, the housing of a number of inmates in open dormitory and in a classroom converted for dormitory purposes. The population of the State Prison on October 31, 1948, was 461 and there are cell accommodations for 352.

Our architect has estimated the cost of construction of a 40 cell block as \$133,000. In addition, the dining room and kitchen facilities of the prison should be expanded at the same time and additions and alterations to the boiler plant also will be necessary. It is roughly estimated that \$225,000 will cover the cost of this expansion. It will be the first expansion at the State Prison since 1937. It appears to be necessary in view of the increasing commitments to this institution. It is also highly probable that more wall replacement will be necessary and there are parts of the plumbing system that need attention.