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Presented by Mr. Campbell of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Obtain Plasma.

Plasma; appropriating moneys to obtain. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$15,375 for the purpose of supplying materials in connection with the accumulation, storage and maintenance of 5,000 units of liquid plasma and 500 units of dried plasma to be available in the event of a disaster; this money to be expended upon authorization by the department of health and welfare. Any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The committee on blood transfusions of the Maine Medical Association, the Maine Pathological Society, the director of the office of Maine civil defense and public safety, and the commissioner of the department of health and welfare, have agreed that it shall be the responsibility of the department of health and welfare to make arrangements for the following program:

A. Provide funds to supply to those general hospitals in the state of Maine doing typing for civil defense the so called typing serums. The amount of serum to be supplied will be sufficient to type donors who, in turn, will donate a sufficient quantity of blood to permit the hospitals to manufacture 5,000 units of liquor plasma to be used in connection with civil defense activities. It is understood that the hospitals will build up this supply of liquid plasma over a period of time depending upon the rapidity with which donors appear for typing. Cost of this serum, \$2,875.

B. Provide funds to cover the cost of special type storage bottles which are necessary to store liquid plasma. Cost of bottles, \$4,000.

C. Provide funds to cover the cost of 500 units of commercially prepared dried plasma to be stored in strategic places, presumably general hospitals of the state. Cost of the dried plasma, \$8,500.