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H. P. 874

House of Representatives, February 8, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Senter of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

RESOLVE, to Construct and Equip a Hospital Building at Central Maine Sanatorium.

Building to be constructed and equipped. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$518,000 from the general fund to construct and equip a 50-bed brick and cement building, complete with operating room, at Central Maine Sanatorium, Fairfield.

This appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

For several months, the department has been carrying a waiting list for admission to our sanatoria at a minimum of 40 sick people that should be receiving TB care.

A great many of the patients now being received at the sanatoria are far advanced, requiring a much longer treatment period. This condition will steadily increase our waiting list unless more bed space is provided.

The present facilities of our surgical unit at Fairfield do not advantageously allow full use of our staff. Of the 2 rooms now designed for surgery, only one can be used because of their location. It is possible to keep one of the rooms sterile but not the second.

The problem of sterilization is most difficult as the only facilities we now have for examination of out-patients have to be supplemented by the use of our present operating room. All out-patient traffic and examination now take place adjacent to our operating room.

In constructing the proposed 50-bed unit, we propose to use our present operating room for out-patient examination and treatment. In addition to providing for a 50-bed unit, we propose to include in this building an operating unit, including 2 major operating rooms and a two-bed recovery room.

The construction of the building is estimated at \$493,000; furnishings are estimated at \$25,000.