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S. P. 258

In Senate, February 9, 1951

Referred to the Committee on Public Health. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Kavanagh of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for Materials for Free Inoculations.

Materials for free inoculations; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated to the department of health and welfare from the general fund of the state the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 to be used for the purchase of suitable materials for the free inoculation of children against smallpox, tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough. Any unexpended balances shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

It is estimated, through a recent survey made by the public health nursing division, department of health and welfare, that there are approximately 74,000 Maine children who have not been immunized against the diseases: smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough. Many of this group and other have not been immunized against tetanus.

These diseases can be prevented through immunization, and since the Civil Defense program points up sharply the need for a healthy, disease-resistant child population, it is proposed to stimulate the immunization program established in R. S. 1944, c. 22, § 54 (P. L. 1947, c. 173) by offering to those towns requesting this service, free materials to carry out the program.