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Legislative Document

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H. P. 959

House of Representatives, February 9, 1951.

Referred to Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lessard of Skowhegan by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Francis M. Carroll, of South Paris.

Francis M. Carroll; compensated. Resolved: That the sum of \$156,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund to be paid to Francis M. Carroll, of South Paris, in full settlement for his claim against the state for his unjust imprisonment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Francis M. Carroll of South Paris, was arrested, held in jail, tried and sentenced to serve a life sentence in the Maine state prison for murder.

He was actually incarcerated in the state prison at Thomaston for a period of 12 years before his freedom was granted when it was proved and judicially determined that the prosecuting officials of the state of Maine had deliberately, purposely and intentionally violated the 5th and 14th amendments to the federal constitution, the provision in the Maine constitution which guarantees to an accused an impartial trial, and had practiced fraud and deception on the court and jury.

He has unlawfully suffered inconvenience, loss of time, loss of earnings, an indelible stain upon his reputation, and great mental anguish with a resulting injury to his health.

It is just and equitable that the state of Maine compensate him, to the best of its ability, for this unusual and great injustice.