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NINETY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 292

In Senate, February 14, 1951

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Providing Funds to Augment Institutional Appropriations.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the cost of commodities, fuel, etc. have increased substantially and the increase in population in the several institutions has been substantial; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Funds to augment institutional appropriations. Resolved: That the sum of \$10,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from current funds of the general fund to the appropriation of the department of institutional service, to be used as necessary to augment institutional appropriations of the present fiscal year as necessary, upon recommendation of the commissioner of institutional service and approval of the commissioner of finance.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

It now appears likely that 1950-1951 appropriations may not be sufficient to carry normal operating expenses in the department of institutions. Institution population is in excess of that projected as a base of current appropriations and both commodities and fuel costs are well in excess of estimates made by the 94th legislature. The sum noted in the resolve appears adequate as a supplement to current appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.