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**Legislative Document**

**No. 818**

S. P. 284

In Senate, February 18, 1953

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Chapman of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, Providing for Certain Construction at Portland Municipal  
Airport.**

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**Portland municipal airport construction; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$800,000 to be used with federal and municipal funds for construction of a new 5,000-foot east-west instrument runway, strengthening and rehabilitation of the north-south runway, ramp areas and taxi ways at Portland municipal airport, so said airport may serve as a terminal airport for the state of Maine; said sum to be expended under the supervision of the aeronautics commission; and be it further

**Resolved:** That any unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The present airport cannot be used by the large aircraft now in use by major airlines and cargo carriers. Therefore, the entire state airway system in Maine is dependent upon the construction of a new east-west runway; strengthening of the present north-south runway and construction

of the taxi ways at Portland. Construction of such facilities in accordance with the master plan prepared by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, approved by the Maine aeronautics commission and meeting the recommendations of the President's Doolittle Committee, will give Maine a terminal airport for airlines, cargo carriers and feeder line systems serving the entire state. The CAA has indicated its willingness to spend \$1,004,000 as the federal share of the project. The city of Portland has agreed to acquire approximately 120 acres of land as its preliminary share of the project.