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S. P. 347

In Senate, February 19, 1953.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Broggi of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**RESOLVE, Providing for a Study Relative to Use of Television for
Educational Purposes.**

Use of television for educational purposes; study of. Resolved: That an unpaid special commission, to consist of a member or members of the senate, to be designated by the president thereof, a member or members of the house of representatives, to be designated by the speaker thereof, the commissioner of education, a representative of the University of Maine, and 5 persons appointed by the governor including at least 1 representative from a Maine private college, is hereby established for the purpose of making a comprehensive investigation and study of the use of television for educational purposes, which study shall include the proposals that have been made and may be made for the use of television facilities for educational and cultural purposes; and be it further

Resolved: That said commission may, in the course of its investigation and study, conduct such engineering and other surveys as it deems necessary to petition the Federal Communications Commission to reserve and allocate television channels for non-commercial educational television purposes in Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require by summons the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books and papers, may travel within and outside the state, and may expend for clerical, engineering, legal and other services not more than \$10,000, which is hereby appropriated; and be it further

Resolved: That said commission shall report to the 97th legislature the results of its investigation and study hereunder, and its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect not later than February 1, 1955.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Since television is becoming a common means of communication, it is essential that a comprehensive investigation and study of the use of television for education and cultural purposes be made.