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Reported by Senator Collins of Aroostook from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

RESOLVE, in Favor of the Augusta State Hospital.

Augusta State Hospital construction and improvements; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$1,100,000 for the 1953-54 fiscal year, for construction and improvements at the Augusta State Hospital. Such expenditures shall be as recommended by the commissioner of institutional service and approved by the governor and council. It is the intent of the legislature that the commissioner of institutional service in his recommendations and the governor and council in their approval shall consider the total needs of Augusta State Hospital and in their final consideration give approval to such expenditures as shall accomplish the greatest possible improvement in the Augusta State Hospital facilities within the limits of the appropriation provided herein.

Any balances at June 30, 1954 shall be carried forward to the 1954-55 fiscal year, but all unencumbered appropriation balances shall lapse June 30, 1955.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Augusta State Hospital is a mental institution with an estimated inmate population in this current year of 1770. It is the opinion of the

committee on appropriations and financial affairs that a total amount of \$1,100,000 should be made available for whatever items the governor and council in their wisdom may deem most essential.

The committee arrived at this amount by determining the above mentioned sum as an equitable allocation of the total available unappropriated general fund surplus. The committee also believes that renewed study and consideration by the commissioner with final consideration by governor and council will produce the best answer with respect to relative priority among all of the essential projects at Augusta State Hospital.

Below is an itemized tabulation of construction and improvement needs of the hospital showing those items requested by the department and those items recommended by the governor.

	Department Request		Budget Recommendation	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
Augusta State Hospital				
Construct four duplex houses and one Supt. home	136,000	—	53,000—Two duplex	
Construct one 154-bed continued treatment building	900,000	—	—	900,000
Construct one tuberculosis building	900,000	—	900,000	—
Install one 1200 hp. high pressure boiler	125,000	—	—	125,000
Enlarge and remodel laundry	95,200	—	95,200	—
Expand storeroom and refrigeration room	295,600	—	—	—
Refrigeration of vegetable storage	14,400	—	—	—
Renovate maximum security building	15,700	—	15,700	—
Construct one 154-bed continued treatment building	900,000	—	—	—
Seclusion room toilets—Stone building	8,700	—	8,700	—
Sprinkler system	52,500	—	52,500	—
Construct one 150-bed male active treatment building	900,000	—	—	—
Construction of ward recep-				

	Department Request		Budget Recommendation	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
tion facilities	28,000	—	—	—
Addition to carpenter and paint shops	11,200	—	—	—
Renovate Stone building heat- ing system	300,000	—	—	—
Construct employees' building	300,000	—	—	—
Construct one recreation and occupational therapy build- ing	200,000	—	—	—
Completion of maximum se- curity building	200,000	—	—	—
Total	<u>5,382,300</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,125,100</u>	<u>1,025,000</u>