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In Senate, April 22, 1953.

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 Maine State Prison.

Maine State Prison; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$100,000 for the 1953-54 fiscal year for construction and improvements at the Maine State Prison. Such expenditures shall be 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 the Maine State Prison and in their final consideration give approval to such expenditures as shall accomplish the greatest possible improvement in the Maine State Prison 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 Maine State Prison is a correctional institution with an estimated inmate population in this current year of 490. It is the opinion of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs that a total amount of

\$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 the Maine State Prison.

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

	<u>Department Request</u>		<u>Budget Recommendation</u>	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
Maine State Prison				
New vehicle entrance	25,000	—	25,000	—
New wall	31,000	—	31,000	—
Purchase of factory building	45,000	—	—	—
Screening of prison windows	1,400	—	—	—
Recreation room, library and showers	60,000	—	—	—
Erection of west wall post	500	—	500	—
Tear gas installation	13,138	—	13,138	—
Dining room and kitchen renovation	45,000	—	45,000	—
Total	<u>221,038</u>	—	<u>114,638</u>	—