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S. P. 560

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 Pownal State School.

Pownal State School; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$175,000 for the 1953-54 fiscal year for construction and improvements at the Pownal State School. 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 Pownal State School and in their final consideration give approval to such expenditures as shall accomplish the greatest possible improvement in the Pownal State School facilities within the limits of the appropriation provided herein.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Pownal State School is a school for feeble-minded with an estimated inmate population in this current year of 1400. It is the opinion of the

committee on appropriations and financial affairs that a total amount of \$175,000 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 Pownal State School.

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</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
	<u>Request</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
Pownal State School				
Addition to central kitchen	207,767	—	207,767	—
Construct new school building	134,880	—	—	—
Construct two new officers' cottages	22,750	—	22,750	—
Total	<u>365,397</u>	—	<u>230,517</u>	—