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No. 317

S. P. 121

In Senate, February 1, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Highways, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Parker of Piscataquis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the State Highway Commission will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1955; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Allocation of general highway fund. Income to the general highway fund for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, and from July 1, 1956, to June 30, 1957—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules:

Department	1955-56	1956-57
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Highway Administration	\$ 573,158	\$ 571,830
Secretary of State—Motor Vehicle Division, General Administration	399,756	452,280

Department	1955-56	1956-57
Secretary of State—New Issue of Motor Vehicle Plates	296,000	—
Maintenance of Motor Vehicle Registration Building	12,526	—
Motor Vehicle Registration Board	—	386
Maintenance and Operation of Radio Equipment	43,927	44,565
Island Refunds	9,000	9,000
Wages and Work Week of State Employees	311,000	311,000
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
State Police—Administration	1,248,333	1,212,071
Maintenance of State Police Headquarters	11,314	11,314
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
Contingent Expenses	135,000	135,000
Improved State and State Aid Roads	1,720,000	1,720,000
Bridge Maintenance	450,000	450,000
Construction of Picnic Areas	25,000	25,000
Traffic Services	191,484	190,747
Maintenance of State and State Aid Roads	6,700,000	6,700,000
Town Road Improvement Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Compensation for Injuries	55,000	55,000
Snow Removal	2,827,000	2,883,000
Grade Crossing Protection	20,000	20,000
Bridge Loan Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Highway Loan Fund	4,096,152	4,385,616
BOND RETIREMENT	1,500,000	1,400,000
BOND INTEREST	506,000	473,000
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		
To General Fund:		
Accounting Services	57,000	57,000
Auditing Services	5,000	5,000
Purchasing Services	1,085	1,137
Legal Services	12,932	13,088
Bureau of Taxation, Administration of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	44,340	45,139
Public Utilities Commission, Topographic Mapping	10,000	10,000
To Other Special Revenue Funds:		
Auditing Services	5,500	5,500
To Trust and Agency Funds:		
Employees' Retirement System—Pension	186,105	185,394
Employees' Retirement System—Expense	4,100	4,100
To Public Service Enterprises:		
Bangor-Brewer Bridge, Interest	45,000	43,500
Fore River Bridge, Interest	105,000	105,000
Total Legislative Allocations	\$23,606,712	\$23,524,667

Sec. 2. Reduction in revenue. In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenue projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1957, the State Highway Commission, with the approval of the Governor and Council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for new construction of highways, except those highways which may be determined by the State Highway Commission and the Governor and Council to be vital for national security purposes. The reduction in allocations to be such as to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue.

Sec. 3. Allocation of the unappropriated general highway fund surplus. The unappropriated general highway fund surplus, with the approval of the Governor and Council, may be apportioned by the State Highway Commission for any of the purposes set forth in section 1 hereof.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.