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In Senate, February 2, 1955

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Fuller of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Providing for the Construction of a Men's Dormitory at Farmington State Teachers' College.

Men's dormitory; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$325,000 for the construction of a men's dormitory at Farmington State Teachers' College. Expenditures shall be as recommended by the State Board of Education and approved by the Governor and Council. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Board of Education in its recommendation, and the Governor and Council in their approval, shall provide for a men's dormitory at Farmington State Teachers' College; and be it further

Resolved: That the moneys appropriated by this resolve shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of the resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of this project is to provide adequate housing for men students which is not provided by the college at the present time. Men students are forced to make their own arrangements for housing in the town, which is not conducive to an increase in enrollment of men students. Facilities are provided for women students in three college dormitories.

Approximately 60 men students are now living in a fraternity house which was abandoned by the Abbott School about 15 years ago. This building is in very poor repair, is of wood construction and a serious fire menace. A fire at night would very likely involve **loss of life**.

Men teachers are greatly needed in Maine, and living conditions comparable to those ordinarily found in colleges of this type should be provided. Construction of a men's dormitory at Farmington State Teachers' College should attract more men to the teaching profession.

Plans now being followed for the construction of a men's dormitory at Gorham State Teachers' College would probably be used. This project should be self-supporting after construction.