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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 377

H. P. 336 House of Representatives, February 2, 1955 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whiting of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Skowhegan Armory Project.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the National Guard units that have been organized in the area have never been housed in an armory that was satisfactory from the training and property storage and control standpoint; and

Whereas, the unit strength in this area has always been consistently good; and

Whereas, the State Military Defense Commission placed this project on the No. 1 priority list, following the passing by the Congress of the Facilities and Construction Act; and

Whereas, the town of Skowhegan a short time ago deeded to the State an armory lot; and

Whereas, on January 26, 1955, at a special town meeting they took action to make available the sum of \$30,000 to support the armory construction when an equal amount became available from the State; and

Whereas, application has been made to the National Guard Bureau for a specific allocation of funds to support one unit of armory construction under the current formula; 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

Skowhegan armory project; appropriation for. Resolved: That the sum of \$30,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund for support of the construction of an armory in the town of

Skowhegan, provided that a like sum be made available for such construction

by the municipal officers of the town of Skowhegan.

Such sum shall be turned over to the State Military Defense Commission for the support of the Skowhegan armory project and that the fund be used along with federal funds allocated to the State per provisions of the Facilities and Construction Act, P. L. 783, 81st Congress, to accomplish the construction of at least the minimum requirements for a one unit armory.

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

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Skowhegan Armory project has been placed in No. I priority by the State Military Defense Commission. State and municipal funds are necessary to match the federal allocation for a needed armory.