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No. 636

H. P. 576

House of Representatives, February 10, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Claims, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Reimburse the City of Portland for the Support of John Arthur Chase, Having No Settlement in the State.

City of Portland; reimbursed. Resolved: That there be and hereby is appropriated from the general fund to be paid to the City of Portland the sum of \$3,090.64 to reimburse said City of Portland for money expended for the support of John Arthur Chase, having no settlement in the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On February 21, 1944, John Arthur Chase fell into distress in the City of Portland and was furnished relief by the Overseers of the Poor of said City of Portland as required by law. At the time of the furnishing of such relief, it appeared that the said John Arthur Chase was a so-called non-settled case. An affidavit setting forth the non-settled status of John Arthur Chase was submitted to the State Department of Health and Welfare on March 30, 1944 but was not honored. Subsequently, on March 21, 1949, John Arthur Chase again fell into distress and was furnished relief by the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Portland and the State Department of Health and Welfare was again notified but failed to pay for the support furnished the said John Arthur Chase. Finally, on October 29, 1954, after thorough and lengthy investigation, the State Department of Health and Welfare determined that John Arthur Chase was in fact a so-called non-settled case, for which the State is liable. Because of the length of time involved during the period of investigation, the State Department of Health and Welfare, while admitting liability, has advised the City of Portland that it

does not have the funds in its current budget to pay his claim and has suggested that a Resolve be presented to the Ninety-Seventh Legislature requesting that payment be made to the City of Portland in the amount of \$3,090.64 expended by said City of Portland for the support of the said John Arthur Chase.