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House of Representatives, February 17, 1955

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for Construction and Repairs at the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute.**

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**Money for repairs at Maine Vocational-Technical Institute; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$43,500 to the State Department of Education to construct an addition to the upper engine shop, to make needed replacement of major instructional equipment, and to continue further reconditioning of buildings and appurtenances at Fort Preble, South Portland, occupied by the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute; and be it further

**Resolved:** That this appropriation shall not lapse, but remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

**Item 1**—\$15,000. To build an addition to the Upper Engine Shop.

The auto mechanics course is one of the more popular courses at the Institute, and applications for enrollment exceed the capacity of the school's physical facilities. Fully half the men must work out of doors, which is unsatisfactory much of the time.

**Item 2**—\$15,000. To replace worn out equipment.

More than half of the major mechanical equipment used for instruction at MV-TI (with a fair value of over \$120,000) was donated to the school by various federal agencies. We have now reached a point where replacements are necessary.

**Item 3**—\$13,500. Further reconditioning of buildings and appurtenances at Fort Preble.

MV-TI occupies buildings formerly part of Fort Preble, which had been uninhabited for many years. The 94th and 95th legislatures provided funds for some repairs and renovation, but further improvements are necessary if the state is to fulfill its agreement with the Department of the Navy, as well as to utilize the property and to protect the present investment of the state in the property.