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S. P. 317

In Senate, February 23, 1955

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dunham of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Providing for a Recess Committee to Study School Finances and Needs in the State.

Special recess committee to study school finances and needs in the State. Resolved: That a special recess committee be appointed to study school finances and needs in the State of Maine. The scope of the survey shall include all expenditures of funds within the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education and shall particularly relate to a study of the distribution of education funds to municipalities on an equitable basis.

Said committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional advisors and counsel and such clerical and office personnel as its judgment may determine within the limits of funds provided.

The Department of Education is directed to assist the committee and to cooperate with it by furnishing all data and information required by the committee.

The committee shall, at the next regular session of the Legislature and not later than January 15, 1957, make a written report including such recommendations for legislation as the committee may adopt, if any, together with drafts of such legislation. The committee shall consist of 5 members, to be made up as follows: 1 member from the Senate appointed by its President; 2 members from the House appointed by the Speaker; 1 member of the State Board of Education to be selected by the Board; 1 representative of the Maine Teachers' Association to be selected by that Association; and be it further

Resolved: That said committee shall meet as soon as practicable after appointment for the purpose of organization, including the election of a chairman and a secretary; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State for each of the fiscal years 1955-56 and 1956-57 and made available for this study, to employ competent professional services and advice, to defray necessary travel and other expenses of the study and the preparation of publications and reports; payments shall be made upon vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of the committee; any donation from any individual, foundation or corporation may be accepted by the committee and used for the purposes indicated; and be it further

Resolved: That all members of the above-mentioned committee and not members of the 97th Legislature shall be entitled to \$15 per diem and actual expenses for their services, when engaged in the official business of the committee; members of the 97th Legislature serving on the committee shall be entitled to actual expenses for service in connection with the work of the committee.

STATEMENTS OF FACTS

No survey of Maine's educational problem has been made for many years and the problem of financial aid to education is acute. The purpose of this resolve is to provide such a survey to study all phases of the expenditure of funds for educational aid.