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House of Representatives, March 8, 1955

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Osborne of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, for Purpose of Accelerating Geological Explorations of the
State of Maine.**

Geological Explorations in State accelerated; appropriation. Resolved: That the sum of \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, be appropriated from the general fund to provide additional necessary equipment and personnel for the Maine Geological Survey, and to encourage the submitting of geological samples and specimens for analyses to provide expert opinions on these specimens submitted from within the confines of the State of Maine; also, to provide public high schools, as funds may permit, with educational exhibits of Maine geological specimens, these funds to be administered by the Maine Development Commission and the work done under the direction of the Geological Division of the Maine Development Commission.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Maine geological survey is urgently in need of additional equipment and personnel in order to adequately investigate the mineral resources of the State.

Since 1941 the State, through the Development Commission, has been spending \$9,000 annually in conducting a very limited study of the State's mineral resources. In addition to this amount, \$50,000 was appropriated by the 95th Legislature to augment the regular allocation and a large part of this money was used for magnetic aerial surveys. These studies have resulted in private enterprise expending considerable sums in investigation research. It is believed the State should, in behalf of its citizens, make every reasonable effort to provide the preliminary information needed to further interest private enterprise.

It is also desired that the people of the State be encouraged to prospect and to submit geological specimens which they may find or know about, from within the confines of the State, for free examination by expert geologists and such further analyses as may be warranted.

It is also believed that it will encourage an interest in geology and the resources of the State to provide, in as far as funds may permit, educational exhibits of Maine geological specimens for high schools.