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In Senate, March 9, 1955

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Authorizing a Survey of State Government.

General survey of State government authorized. Resolved: That, in the interests of improving the services of State government to the citizens of this State and effecting economies in the operation of State government, a general survey be made of the Constitution, organization, administration and financial system of the State of Maine; that the survey shall evaluate the policies and programs of State government in relation to their effectiveness in meeting the needs of the State; that the survey shall include, but not be limited to, institutions, education, welfare functions, conservation of natural resources, economic development and highways; that in the various agencies of State government attention be given to policies and procedures relating to the budget, tax and debt administration, fiscal control, organization, engineering, specifications, bidding, purchasing, contracts, stores keeping, personnel management and planning to meet the State's future operating and capital needs and other such matters as may be necessary; and be it further

Resolved: That a report, or reports, of the survey be prepared including the recommendations made and the reasons therefor, and that 5 copies of said report or reports, be delivered to the Governor; and be it further

Resolved: That all State officers and employees be directed to cooperate fully with the staff making the general survey of State government and to afford to them prompt access to all necessary records and reports; and be it further

Resolved: That the Governor be authorized, with the advice and consent of the Council, to employ an organization well qualified in such work to make such a general State survey, and that the Governor be authorized to appoint such com-

mittees as may be necessary to cooperate in the preparation of such a general State survey, such committees to include members of the Legislature and representatives of the public generally; and be it further

Resolved: That there be and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$35,000 to carry out the purposes of this resolve. Such appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Twenty-five years ago the National Institute of Public Administration conducted a survey of State government for the late Governor William Tudor Gardiner. Since that time the administrative problems and the scope of State government have expanded tremendously.

The proposed survey would allow the State to evaluate effectively its administrative organization and methods, to determine whether they are suited to carrying on State functions in the most effective manner and to getting the work of State government done in the most economical way.

The proposed resolve would provide the necessary funds to hire a competent organization to conduct the survey, and it would allow the Governor to appoint citizens' committees to participate in the preparation of the survey.