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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 154

House of Representatives, January 24, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds for Addition to State Police Headquarters Building.**

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**Addition to State Police Headquarters Building; appropriation. Resolved:** That there be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$135,172 to the Department of the State Police to construct an addition to the State Police Headquarters Building at Augusta; and be it further

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This project is for the construction of a new addition to be built on the south-erly side of the present barracks building, and connecting therewith by a corridor section 20'-0" in width on the front face, and providing a light space of 20'-0" between the new addition and the present barracks building in the rear.

The new addition will be two stories in height with a basement; the separate floors to match the several floor levels of the present building.

The present space in the State Police Headquarters Building has become grossly inadequate for the efficient functioning of the various Bureaus which it houses. There is insufficient private office space, inadequate filing space, and a lack of space for the storage of records and supplies. Complainants, witnesses

and respondents are of necessity interviewed and interrogated in corridors and public offices because there is no other place to take them. Juveniles and prisoners being transported are held in corridors or public offices while papers, forms or information are being obtained by the transporting officers.

The steady growth of records has resulted in a large number of full, heavy filing cabinets stored on the second floor of the wing. The floor is sagging in places and cracks are appearing around the walls and windows. It appears that the load on the floor is greater than its capacity and that the resultant condition is unsafe to the personnel employed both on that floor and under it. These records cannot be microfilmed due to the legal requirement that their original be produced for introduction into court proceedings.