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No. 205

H. P. 158

House of Representatives, January 24, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Highways, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbox of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Funds for State Aid Highways in Hardship Cases and Town Road Improvement Fund.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present highway program requires immediate funds to carry out necessary maintenance of highways and to provide state aid construction and reconstruction in hardship cases, and to provide necessary funds for Town Road Improvement Fund; and

Whereas, such construction and maintenance should be started immediately to preserve the roads and furnish transportation for necessities to the people; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Appropriation for state aid construction and reconstruction in hardship cases. There is hereby allocated from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 to be apportioned to the 16 counties on the basis of the number of miles of improved and unimproved designated state aid highways located within each county not on the federal system and to be expended by the State Highway Commission for the reconstruction of highways designated as state aid highways not on the federal system where, because of excessive maintenance or hazardous conditions such reconstruction is desirable; and for the construction of unimproved sections of such highways located between improved sections in instances where the public use and safety require

such construction. Any unexpended balance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 shall not lapse but shall be carried to the next fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 2. Appropriation for Town Road Improvement Fund. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, there is hereby appropriated annually from the General Highway Fund the sum of \$500,000 to the Town Road Improvement Fund. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other appropriation for the Town Road Improvement Fund made by the 98th Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.