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## NINETY - EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 221**

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S. P. 110

House of Representatives, January 29, 1957.

Read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence and ordered printed in document form.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Low of Knox.

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### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### **RESOLVE, to Aid Settlement of Hungarian Refugees in Maine.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, in recent months citizens of Hungary have risen in rebellion against their tyrannical communist masters; and

Whereas, the ruthless suppression of said rebellion has driven thousands of freedom loving refugees to seek asylum in this country; and

Whereas, the several states of the United States are being asked to provide homes and assistance to such refugees; and

Whereas, the State of Maine recognizes its humane obligation in this respect, and remembers the spirit in which this country was founded; 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

**Appropriation; aid to Hungarian refugees. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$5,000 for secretarial and other administrative expenses of the Governor in aiding the settlement of Hungarian refugees in the State of Maine; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Governor is authorized to consult with a committee, to be composed of such interested citizens of Maine as the Governor may choose, to coordinate the efforts of groups which are active in aiding the settlement of such Hungarian refugees in the State of Maine; and be it further

**Resolved:** That any unexpended balances of the money appropriated by this resolve shall lapse on June 30, 1959.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of this resolve is to coordinate the humane efforts of Maine citizens in the settlement of Hungarian refugees in the State of Maine.