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No. 447

S. P. 168

In Senate, February 6, 1957.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Davis of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Appropriating Additional Funds for Certain Construction at Portland Municipal Airport.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the 96th Legislature did by chapter 127 of the resolves of the State of Maine, 1953, appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for runway construction at the Portland Municipal Airport; and

Whereas, said Legislature did limit the use of said appropriation to an amount not in excess of 25% of the total cost of said runway construction, with federal and local funds paying the remainder of said total cost; and

Whereas, it now appears that the total cost of said runway may exceed the original estimate upon which said appropriation was based because of delays and additional costs due to failure of the excavating and grading contractor to complete his contract resulting in litigation which is still undecided; and

Whereas, it is expected that the Federal Government and the city of Portland will meet their proportionate share of the increased cost, if any, of said runway construction occasioned by said failure on the part of the excavating and grading contractor; 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

Resolves, 1953, c. 127, amended. Resolved: That chapter 127 of the resolves of 1953, be and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund a sum of ~~\$250,000~~ **not in excess of \$400,000** for such construc-

tion at the Portland Municipal Airport as may be recommended by the Aeronautics Commission and approved by the Governor and Council. The expenditure shall be under the supervision of the Aeronautics Commission. Such expenditure as may be authorized by this resolve shall be contingent upon the fact that not more than 25% of the project cost shall be paid for by funds herein appropriated. It is the intent of the Legislature to so limit the use of state funds as to require that federal funds and other funds shall finance 75% of the cost of the project; and be it further

Resolved: That this appropriation shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the ~~1954-1955~~ 1958-1959 fiscal year.'

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

More funds are needed for runway construction at Portland Municipal Airport to provide the airport with proper facilities.