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House of Representatives, February 14, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rich of Charleston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

**RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Aid Construction of Dormitory at Higgins
Classical Institute.**

Dormitory at Higgins Classical Institute; appropriation for. Resolved:
That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$25,000 in favor of Higgins Classical Institute to aid in construction of a boys' dormitory.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Charleston Academy was established in 1837. In 1891 it was incorporated as Higgins Classical Institute. Through all these years Higgins has served not only as a high school for the young people of Charleston but has also provided instruction for many boys and girls from all parts of Maine. Last year in our enrollment of 193 students, 182 of them came from some 75 different cities and towns within the State.

Tibbetts Hall was erected in 1901 to house the students from outside the town of Charleston. Last April, Tibbetts Hall, the boys' dormitory was completely destroyed by fire rendering 90 boys and several faculty families homeless. The Trustees immediately made plans for a new dormitory, this time to be built of cement, brick and steel. Some \$25,000 was subscribed by members of the Board of Trustees and a like amount by alumni and friends, and \$50,000 was available from insurance. Before the end of September two floors with a temporary roof were ready for occupancy. The building is 120' long and 42' wide. The ground

floor now has a dining room, 40' by 60', and a modern kitchen. The lavatories, recreation room and store rooms occupy the rest of this floor.

The second floor provides 16 rooms for boys and teachers and a reception room.

Enrollment this year had to be limited because of lack of housing facilities. When 2 more floors are added there will be about 40 more rooms. Then 100 boys and the male members of the faculty will be adequately provided for.

To complete this building \$100,000 is needed. This resolve is to help in this emergency.