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H. P. 1024

House of Representatives, April 2, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for Construction of an Airport in  
Washington County.**

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**Airport in Washington county; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$125,000 in favor of the Maine Aeronautics Commission for the purpose of constructing an airport in Washington county; 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

The Maine Aeronautics Commission has recommended to the C. A. A. a suitable location for an airport serving central and eastern Washington county, in the town of Charlotte. There is presently no airport in Washington county centrally located or adequate for the use of regularly scheduled airline flights daily. This airport would be served by Northeast Airlines. The total cost of the airport is estimated to be \$500,000. Of this amount the State appropriation of \$125,000 would be matched by a similar amount from the county of Washington as called for in another resolve before this Legislature. When this amount of \$250,000 is available the county of Washington will be eligible for \$250,000 of federal funds to complete the project.

Washington county is the location of two new federal installations, the Cutler Radio Station and the Bucks Harbor Radar Station, with many year-round military personnel. A number of new industries have given as their main reason against locating in Washington county that it is not readily accessible. Train and bus services have been cut in the past few years and may be terminated completely in the near future.