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House of Representatives, January 13, 1958

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-EIGHT

**RESOLVE, Providing for Legislative Hearing Rooms, Senate Offices and
Executive Offices.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, adequate legislative hearing rooms, senate offices, executive offices and related facilities are essential to the proper functioning of State Government; and

Whereas, such rooms, offices and related facilities can be made available for the 1959 legislative session only if the necessary funds are made available now; 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

Legislative hearing rooms, senate offices and executive offices. Resolved: That there be, and is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State to the Construction Reserve Fund the sum of \$225,000, to be expended under the direction of the Bureau of Public Improvements to provide adequate legislative hearing rooms, senate offices, executive offices and related facilities in the Capitol Building, State Office Building and Vickery & Hill Building, and expenses incidental thereto.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The contract for certain renovations to the Capitol Building, after the moving out of most state departments into the new State Office Building, has been completed. There remains now the problem of providing adequate hearing rooms, senate offices, executive offices and related facilities.

This problem has been studied by the Joint Select Committee on State House Renovations with the assistance of the Bureau of Public Improvements. Several meetings have been held here in Augusta. The Committee visited the locations concerned and discussed alternate plans with the Governor and Executive Council.

Their recommendations have been set down on large scale charts to be displayed in the third floor rotunda of the Capitol Building to supplement this statement of facts.

The Committee believes that the recommended changes are urgently necessary and should be begun at once so that the 99th Legislature may have adequate hearing rooms and other facilities, that the Executive Department may be provided with necessary working space, and that the press may have proper working space on the third floor of the Capitol Building during legislative sessions, which has been their request for a long time.