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In Senate, January 22, 1959

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bates of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT Providing for the Construction of a Women's Dormitory at the
University of Maine in Orono.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, eligible women already have been refused admission to the University of Maine because of limited housing facilities; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that a substantial number of women must be denied admission in the fall of 1959; and

Whereas, it is hoped to alleviate this situation by the opening of the fall semester of 1960 by the construction of a women's dormitory ready for occupancy at that time; and

Whereas, construction must be started by May 1, 1959 to insure completion; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Women's dormitory, construction of. The University of Maine is authorized to construct at Orono a women's dormitory, together with all necessary equipment, furniture and furnishings.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated the sum of \$480,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the provisions of this act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

Sec. 3. University to borrow funds. The University of Maine is authorized to borrow moneys in an amount not to exceed \$480,000 to provide funds to aid in the construction of the women's dormitory. Any loans thus made shall not be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The authorization to borrow shall expire on July 1, 1960, but any loan made prior to July 1, 1960 may be renewed or extended during a period of 15 years from the date of the original loan.

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