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**Legislative Document**

**No. 342**

H. P. 231

House of Representatives, February 3, 1959.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Harrington of Patten.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. Women's physical education building, construction of.** The University of Maine is authorized to construct, furnish and equip a women's physical education building at Orono.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated to the University of Maine the sum of \$1,400,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the provisions of this act.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Existing office and classroom space is very inadequate and it will be impossible to provide for increased enrollment.

2. The gymnasium is very heavily scheduled and some classes are being held in women's dormitories, thus interfering with intended use for dormitory occupants.

3. The proposed building will provide for increased enrollment, adequate classrooms, space for remedial treatment for certain physical defects, a dance studio, and facilities for individual sports designed to develop and maintain physical and mental health. A swimming pool is included and this will have scheduled use by men until it is possible to provide a men's pool. The pool will provide the aquatic training which is necessary for all majors (men and women) in physical education.

4. The proposed building will be located in the area of the women's dormitories and adjacent to the women's athletic field. This will make it unnecessary for women to travel halfway across the campus for the out-of-doors training.

5. The existing women's gymnasium is a part of Alumni Hall, the administration building. Vacating this area will permit converting the space for future use as administrative offices—bringing them together instead of having them scattered about the campus as they presently are.