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Legislative Document

No. 371

S. P. 150

In Senate, February 4, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hillman of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing for the Construction of an Electrical Engineering Building at the University of Maine in Orono.

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

Sec. 1. Electrical engineering building, construction of. The University of Maine is authorized to construct and equip an electrical engineering building at its Orono campus.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the University of Maine from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The present electrical engineering building, Lord Hall, is overcrowded.
2. The existing laboratory equipment in many cases is old and obsolete when compared with present day equipment in use in industry and its central switch-board is unsafe for student use.
3. Already electrical engineering is one of the largest departments in the College of Technology and, due to technological needs of industry, will continue to grow rapidly during the next 10 to 15 years.
4. The proposed building will provide sufficient space for the increasing needs of the department for many years.
5. The proposed building will provide space on the top floor for the Department of Engineering Graphics now housed in a temporary type building constructed by the Federal Government after W. W. II. Actually the space vacated by this department will be used by the College of Arts and Sciences to assist in meeting its expanding needs.
6. Lord Hall can be converted very readily into classroom and office space for general instruction purposes, particularly by the College of Arts and Sciences.