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Legislative Document

No. 498

H. P. No. 338

House of Representatives, February 5, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bacon of Sidney.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**AN ACT Providing for Enlarging and Extending the Sewer System
at the University of Maine in Orono.**

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

Sec. 1. Sewer system, enlargement and extension of. The University of Maine is authorized to enlarge and extend its sewer system to care for its present requirements and to provide for future additions to its physical plant.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the University of Maine from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund for the purposes or carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of \$444,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$580,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The existing sewer system at the university is a combined system handling both sewage and storm water.
2. The trunk sewers already are being used to capacity and, during heavy rains, are unable to take care of the storm water. Hence water flows out through manhole grills, breather pipes and tends to flood basements.
3. As buildings are added and areas paved, the sewage and storm water loads increase rapidly. Three buildings presently are under construction.
4. New buildings are being requested for educational purposes and, if the \$24,000,000 bond bill for housing is passed by the Legislature and approved by referendum, three men's dormitories (264 man capacity), a women's dormitory (190 capacity) (this is in addition to the one where half the cost is being requested by direct appropriation) and 264 apartments will be constructed as soon as possible.
5. The present request provides for separate systems for sewage and storm water. It provides enlarged trunk systems but provides for using the present system, wherever possible, as storm water sewers. It provides for extending sewers to the requested construction projects. It provides for a treatment plant to eliminate the university as a source of pollution of the Stillwater River.
6. The request is based on the results of a survey made by Whitman and Howard, Consulting Engineers in assisting A. J. Harriman, Inc., in developing a master plan for the orderly and economic growth of the campus from an enrollment of 4,000 to a probable minimum of 8,900 students by 1970.