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Legislative Document

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H. P. 471

House of Representatives, February 12, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sanborn of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for a Sprinkler System in Andrews and Robie Halls at the Gorham State Teachers' College.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Andrews and Robie Hall dormitories at Gorham State Teachers' College house 283 women students and 5 employees; and

Whereas, many rooms designed for 2 students are housing 3 students because of lack of space; and

Whereas, both halls are of brick construction with frame interiors; and

Whereas, there are 5 open stairways in the structure, making it probable that a fire starting in any part of the building would spread rapidly to the entire structure; and

Whereas, the summer of 1959 is the only time before 1961 when access to the dormitories for installation of sprinklers will be possible; and

Whereas, the job would need to be engineered, advertised and contract awarded by June 1, 1959, if the work is to be done in 1959; 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

Sprinkler system in Andrews and Robie Halls, Gorham State Teachers' College. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$42,100 in favor

of Gorham State Teachers' College to purchase and have installed an automatic sprinkler system in Andrews and Robie Hall dormitories. Funds appropriated under this resolve shall be expended on recommendation of the State Board of Education and approved by the Governor and Council; and be it further

Resolved: That the moneys appropriated by this resolve shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The construction in 1958 of a new 400,000 gallon standpipe has provided adequate water storage and pressure for the satisfactory operation of sprinklers on all floors of the 2 dormitories. The installation of sprinklers has been approved by the Bureau of Public Improvements and is included in the Governor's budget recommendations. The danger of fire is an ever-present hazard in this crowded structure. Emergency action is needed to make it possible to complete the sprinkler installation in the summer of 1959.