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House of Representatives, February 25, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jewell of Monticello.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Providing for Moneys for Mars Hill Utility District to
Construct Sewage Treatment Facilities for Town of Mars Hill.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the laws of the State require the abatement of pollution in the Prestile Stream which flows through Mars Hill, and whereas the pollution caused by the sewerage system of the Mars Hill Utility District can only be abated by the construction of sewage treatment facilities in the Town of Mars Hill by the Mars Hill Utility District; and

Whereas, the estimated cost of the necessary interceptor sewer, sewage treatment plant and related facilities is \$178,200, of which sum present Federal Government and State subsidies or financial contributions combined would pay for $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost, leaving the ratepayers of the Mars Hill Utility District the sum of \$89,100 to pay; and

Whereas, the rates to be charged the sewer users are estimated as \$51 per family annually; and

Whereas, there would be additional burdensome taxation placed upon the residents of the Town of Mars Hill by reason of construction of such sewage treatment facilities to pay for use of the sewers by the schools in Mars Hill and to pay for the construction of a system of storm sewers and drains to separate the ground water from the present sewer system; and

Whereas, the ratepayers of the Mars Hill Utility District would be unduly burdened by hardship as a result of paying for the construction of such sewage treatment facilities for the abatement of pollution in the Prestile Stream; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency situation 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

Providing an increased subsidy for the Mars Hill Utility District for the construction of sewage treatment facilities in the Town of Mars Hill. Resolved: That a subsidy be, and hereby is, appropriated from the fund established by the Legislature for the aid of municipalities in the construction of sewage treatment facilities in the sum of \$85,000 to be paid to the trustees of the Mars Hill Utility District for the construction of said sewage treatment facilities ; and be it further

Resolved: That the Mars Hill Utility District shall receive in addition, the full amount of subsidies provided by the Federal Government and the State under existing applicable laws.

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