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Legislative Document

No. 1118

H. P. 786

House of Representatives, March 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. Sanborn of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys for Construction of Enclosures of Stairwells in Corthell, Robie and Andrew Halls at Gorham State Teachers' College.

Emergency preamble: Whereas, the Robie and Andrews Hall dormitories at Gorham State Teachers' College house 283 women students and 5 employees, and Corthell Hall at the same college contains offices, library, 15 classrooms and student lounge, and may house as many as 675 persons at one time; and

Whereas, all three halls are of brick construction with frame interiors and wood or wood-under-tile floors; and

Whereas, the Corthell Hall is 3 stories high, and Robie and Andrews Halls are 4 stories high; and

Whereas, there are 5 open stairways in Robie and Andrews Hall and 3 open stairways in Corthell Hall, making it probable that a fire starting in any part of one of these buildings would spread rapidly to the entire structure; and

Whereas, the State Insurance Commissioner has directed that the stairways in Robie and Andrews Halls be enclosed, and that the basement stairs in Corthell Hall be cut off with fire resistive construction and a fire door; and

Whereas, the summer of 1959 is the only time before 1961 when access to Robie and Andrews Halls for construction of stairwell enclosures will be feasible; and

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

Corthell, Robie and Andrews Halls; appropriation for stairwells. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$35,000 in favor of Gorham State Teachers' College to construct enclosures for the stairwells in Corthell, Robie and Andrews Halls. 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 State Insurance Commissioner has directed that the stairways in Robie and Andrews Halls be enclosed and that the basement stairs in Corthell Hall be cut off with fire resistive construction and a fire door. The summer of 1959 is the only time before 1961 when access to Robie and Andrews Halls for construction of stairwell enclosures will be feasible.