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House of Representatives, March 6, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wheaton of Princeton by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Town of Danforth.

Town of Danforth; appropriation. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 to aid the Town of Danforth because of loss by fire in January, 1958 of its school building, school supplies and school equipment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On January 16, 1958, Danforth, Maine lost its school building, which housed grades one through 12, all school supplies and equipment by fire. Since that time the school department has operated its school program using all available space for classrooms.

The reopened schools are scattered throughout the community within a radius of 6 miles, this making a total distance of approximately 11 miles between the 2 most remotely situated schools. As can be seen this creates a much greater and more expensive transportation problem and 11 fires now must be maintained where originally it was only necessary for 2.

As all supplies and equipment were destroyed it has been necessary to furnish new supplies and equipment completely, through all 12 grades. Much of this expense has been taken care of by insurance, however, there are still many additional school operational expenses throughout the year that can be traced either directly or indirectly to the recent fire.

The town is in a serious situation. The population is decreasing, the 1950 census was 1,174 and present population is approximately 1,000.