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House of Representatives, January 19, 1960.

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Miller of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY

AN ACT Appropriating Additional Funds for Certain Construction at Portland Municipal Airport.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$27,500 for such construction work at the Portland Municipal Airport as may be recommended by the Maine Aeronautics Commission. Such expenditure as may be authorized by this act shall be contingent upon the fact that not more than 25% of the cost shall be paid for by funds herein appropriated. It is the intent of the Legislature to so limit the use of state funds as to require that federal funds and other funds shall finance 75% of the cost of such work.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Proposed improvements at the Portland Municipal Airport during the bien-nium 1960-1961 were estimated by the City of Portland and the Maine Aero-nautics Commission to be in the neighborhood of \$75,000. However, because of poor soil conditions, it has now been determined that an additional amount of \$13,000 will be required on one of the construction projects contemplated at that time. In addition, the Federal Aeronautics Administration has now re-quested special painting work on the east-west runway recently completed in order to take maximum advantage of a new instrument landing system, which will cost approximately \$12,000 and for which no funds were contemplated or

included in the original estimate. Under such circumstances, the total cost of proposed improvements at the Portland Municipal Airport during the year 1960 will now total \$100,000 instead of the original estimate of \$75,000. The funds presently available in the fund administered by the Maine Aeronautics Commission will permit an allocation of only \$18,000 as the State's share of such projects, making it necessary for an additional \$7,000 to be appropriated if the State is to pay its full share of 25%, or \$25,000, of the cost of improvements to be undertaken at the Portland Municipal Airport during the year 1960.

Because of an unexpected breakup during the summer of 1959 of a taxiway leading to the easterly end of the new instrument landing runway, which damage could not have been foreseen at the time the original estimate for 1960-1961 projects was submitted to the commission, the City of Portland must now undertake in 1961 the resurfacing and strengthening of this damaged taxiway at an estimated cost of \$82,000 in the interest of safety and in order to avoid costly delays in airport traffic. It will, therefore, be necessary that a further additional amount of \$20,500 be made available to the Maine Aeronautics Commission if the State is to participate in the cost of such needed additional work.

Therefore, in order to do the required work at the Portland Municipal Airport, the Maine Aeronautics Commission must be supplied with \$27,500 of additional funds, which it may use for participation in the above projects.