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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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At The

SPECIAL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 21-23, 1954

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Install one diesel powered water pump	4,000
Renew power line to pump house	13,000
Heat exchange for boiler feed water	14,500
Additional funds to complete kitchen	14,000

The appropriation provided 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.

Effective September 23, 1954

Chapter 210

RESOLVE, Providing for Additional Funds for the State Liquor Warehouse.

State Liquor Commission; appropriation. Resolved: There is hereby appropriated from the working capital of the Maine State Liquor Commission the sum of \$180,000 for the completion of the liquor warehouse in Hallowell. Such appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

Effective December 23, 1954

Chapter 211

RESOLVE, Relating to the Revision Committee.

Revision Committee; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of compensating the Revision Committee for its time, effort and judgment. Each member of said Committee shall receive \$1,000.

Effective December 23, 1954

Chapter 212

RESOLVE, Relating to Wages and Work-Week of State Employees.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, recruitment and retention of high calibre employees is seriously affected by the limitations imposed by present

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salary schedules and the present length of the work-week among several employee classes; and

Whereas, fair and equitable wages and working conditions are essential with respect to the state employee group; 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

Wages and work-week of state employees. Resolved: That the present wages of all employees of the State be increased by approximately $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ by assigning each class of employment to the salary range next above that range to which it is presently allocated in the salary plan; and be it further

Resolved: That the present wage rates of all classes whose standard work-week is greater than forty hours, except those classes where the work-week has already been reduced with an accompanying increase in hourly rates, shall be increased by an additional approximately $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ over and above that increase provided for all employees by assigning each such class of employment to the second salary range above that range to which it is presently allocated in the salary plan; and be it further

Resolved: That no part of such increase shall be granted to any employee which has the effect of placing such employee's salary above the adjusted maximum salary rate established for his class; and be it further

Resolved: That the salary rate for any employee who is regularly being paid at or above the adjusted maximum rate established for his class shall not be changed as the result of the approval of this resolve; and be it further

Resolved: That the present wage rates of employees in departments supported wholly or in part by fees or special revenue funds shall be made consistent with the provisions contained herein. Such sums as may be necessary shall be provided from the revenues of these several departments effective with the payroll week ending October 16, 1954; and be it further

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the state the sum of \$514,588 for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 for the purpose of making the changes herein provided for the general fund departments, effective with the payroll period ending October 16, 1954.

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