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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-eighth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 169

RESOLVE, Authorizing Survey for Bridge Across Passagassawaukeag River.

Survey for bridge; authorized. **Resolved:** The State Highway Commission is hereby authorized and directed to make a survey and develop plans for a bridge across the Passagassawaukeag River at Belfast, this work to be completed by January 1, 1959.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 170

RESOLVE, in Favor of Arthur O. Payson of Brooks.

Arthur O. Payson; retirement benefit increased. **Resolved:** That the retirement benefit now being paid to Arthur O. Payson of Brooks, under the provisions of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, be increased by the amount of \$10 per month.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 171

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Salary Plan for State Employees.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of competitive salaries being paid in industry and other governmental jurisdictions, salaries paid state employees must be adjusted in order to retain and recruit workers; and

Whereas, great hardships will be caused among the employees unless such salary scale is adjusted; and

Whereas, efficiency of the administration of State Government in all departments is vitally affected; and

Whereas, efficient administration of state business is vital to the well-being of the State and to its citizens; 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

Appropriation for proposed salary adjustments. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the State the sum of \$550,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 to increase the wages for the employees of the State by approximately $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ by assigning each class of employment to the salary range next above that range to which it is allocated in the "Recommended Revised Salary Plan dated September, 1956."

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Resolved: That present wages of employees in departments supported wholly or in part by fees or special revenue funds shall be increased by the same amount for the same period; 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 with respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are subject to Governor and Council determination the Governor and Council be requested to consider such similar and equitable treatment as they may conclude, and with respect to such salary rates as are established by statute the 98th Legislature does recognize that similarly equitable salary treatment should have legislative consideration by other appropriate measures.

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

Effective May 29, 1957

Chapter 172

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Aid Construction of Dormitory at Higgins Classical Institute.

Dormitory at Higgins Classical Institute; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$25,000 in favor of Higgins Classical Institute to aid in construction of a boys' dormitory.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 173

RESOLVE, in Favor of Irving W. Small of Milbridge.

Irving W. Small; retirement benefit increased. Resolved: That the retirement benefit now being paid to Irving W. Small of Milbridge under the provisions of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes be increased by the amount of \$45 monthly.

Effective August 28, 1957