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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-ninth Legislature

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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 Halls 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 June 30, 1961.

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

Effective June 12, 1959

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## Chapter 118

**RESOLVE, Providing that the Legislative Research Committee Study the State and Municipal Tax Structure of the State.**

**Legislative Research Committee authorized to study State and municipal tax structure of the State. Resolved:** That the Legislative Research Committee be authorized to study and review the State and municipal tax structure of

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this State to determine the most equitable tax sources which can be utilized to finance expenditures of the State and municipalities.

Said committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional advisors and such clerical and office personnel as its judgment may determine within the limits of the funds provided.

The committee's report shall contain recommendations for legislation believed necessary to correct any inequalities in existing methods of procuring state and municipal tax revenue. Such report shall contain a separate study of the taxation of property in the unorganized areas of the State and the taxation of railroad companies operating wholly or partially within the State with recommendations with respect thereto, if any; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund and that any balance of this fund as of June 30, 1960 shall not lapse but be carried forward into the 1960-61 year to be used for the same purposes.

Effective September 12, 1959

## Chapter 119

**RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Town of Robbinston for Development of Recreational Areas.**

**Town of Robbinston; appropriation. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 to be paid to the Town of Robbinston for the development of camping sites and recreational areas within the limits of said town.

Effective September 12, 1959

## Chapter 120

**RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Property Tax Exemptions of Veterans.**

**Reimbursement to be paid to certain municipalities. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$44,949.69 to pay the following claims presented by municipalities for taxes for the years 1957 and 1958 lost by reason of exemption of veterans, in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes, chapter 91-A, section 10, subsection III, paragraph H:

Municipalities	1957	1958	Total
Abbot	\$ 278.49	\$ 421.54	\$ 700.03
Alfred	1,244.85	1,566.43	2,811.28
Alna	602.65	399.40	1,002.05
Amherst	425.79	503.49	929.28
Atkinson	16.42	17.89	34.31