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MUSKIE ASKS FUNDS FOR MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) today urged the Senate Commerce Committee to authorize sufficient money to prevent cutbacks in the size of the incoming class at Maine Maritime Academy.

"The Maritime Administration of the Department of Commerce has requested that authorization for state maritime academies, including the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, be cut back to the 1965 level," Senator Muskie wrote in a letter to Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D-Washington), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.

"The effect of this action on the Maine Maritime Academy would be to reduce the incoming class by 50 cadets."

Senator Muskie said he hoped the committee would "consider authorizing an additional \$150,000 to the \$2.2 million requested for state maritime academies" so that these academies could continue to function effectively.

"A well-trained corps of merchant officers is essential to the maintenance of the present United States position in world shipping," the Maine Democrat wrote. "Therefore, I feel it is important that the Maine Maritime Academy, which has developed an excellent training program for its cadets, continue at its present level of operation."