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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 863

House of Representatives, February 12, 1963

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitney of Winn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Expenditures from Unorganized Territory Capital
Working Fund.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 168, amended. Section 168 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 168. Use of fund. The commissioner is authorized to use the fund for erection, equipment, major repair, remodeling and alteration of school houses and other requisite buildings; the purchase of lots or buildings for school purposes; the purchase of lots or buildings for faculty housing, the purchase, equipment and major repair of school buses; and for any other necessary capital expenses in connection with the schooling of children in the unorganized territory of the State.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 169, amended. Section 169 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows :

'Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, from making capital expenditures of income from short-term investments as described in section 176 for the use of 3 or more units in the unorganized territory without assessing the expenditures on the property of any unit.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 176, amended. Section 176 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows :

'The Treasurer of State may, with the approval of the State Board of Education, make short-term investments of accumulated assets in the Capital Working Fund and the income expended by the commissioner, with the approval of the State Board of Education, for the purposes described in section 168.'

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of the amendment of Section 168 is to permit the purchase of a home in Kingman for the use of the principal. Several qualified principals have left the employ of the State because they could not find a place to rent in Kingman. One principal lived for several weeks in the teachers' room of the schoolhouse, and another in a trailer on the school grounds.

The purpose of the amendment to Section 169 is to permit the purchase of a station wagon to be used in different units whenever a bus is broken down or, as occurred this fall, delayed in delivery for several weeks. During the summer the vehicle would be used for transporting supplies to all of the schools in the unorganized territory. At present such a vehicle is charged to not more than two units.

The purpose of the amendment of Section 176 is to acquire income from short-term investments. This income should be sufficient to provide for the expenditures authorized by the proposed amendment of Section 169.