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H. P. 1181 The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested. JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX

RESOLVE, Appropriating Funds for Capital Improvement at Portland Municipal Airport.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Portland Municipal Airport requires immediate expansion to meet the jet age, and sufficient funds are not available in the state-wide airport construction account for this purpose, and it is impossible for the existing facility to accommodate the new type of aircraft now on order by the scheduled air carrier for public transportation; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to expand Portland Municipal Airport for public use; 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

Portland Municipal Airport expansion; appropriation. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$705,350 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 to be expended under the direction of the Maine Aeronautics Commission for immediate capital improvement at the Portland Municipal Airport. This appropriation 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.

Statement of Facts

The engineering firm retained by the City of Portland to prepare a master plan for overall expansion of the Portland Municipal Airport to meet the jet age, recommended an expenditure of total funds approximating \$4,290,325. The Aeronautics Commission and city staff of Portland, recognizing the emergency nature of the problem recited above, agreed upon certain capital improvements to meet the emergency needs approximating \$2,761,400. In addition to federal, city and state funds now available, an additional \$705,350 state funds are required.