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No. 1675

H. P. 1207 House of Representatives, January 17, 1966
The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.
JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Katz of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for State of Maine's Participation in the 1967
World Exhibition in Canada.**

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

Whereas, the recreational advantages, arts, industries, institutions, resources, production and development of the State of Maine should be set forth and promoted in the public mind at the 1967 World Exhibition in Canada; and

Whereas, because of the time involved in the construction necessary for such promotion, the following legislation is vitally needed to commence as soon as possible; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Contract. The Governor is authorized and empowered to negotiate and enter into a contract, on behalf of the State of Maine, with Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition in Canada at Montreal, an agency of the Government of Canada, for the purpose of providing participation of the State of Maine, in the Universal and International Exhibition of 1967, Montreal, Canada. Such contract may, in addition to such other provision as shall seem

appropriate to the Governor, provide for the construction of a State of Maine exhibit structure and of exhibits to be included therein, and their demolition following the conclusion of the Exposition.

Sec. 2. Appropriation to the Department of Economic Development. For the purpose of promoting and exhibiting at the 1967 World Exhibition at Montreal, the arts, industries, institutions, resources, products, recreational advantages and general development of the State of Maine the sum of \$550,000 is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Department of Economic Development. Said sum shall be expended for meeting the terms of the contract with the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition; construction of a State of Maine exhibit structure and of exhibits to be included therein, and their demolition following the conclusion of the Exposition; personnel staffing of the State of Maine exhibit and for its operation, maintenance, insurance, security and for publicity, promotion, clerical and travel expenses within and without the State in connection therewith. The funds appropriated under this section shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until 60 days following the official close of the exhibition.

The Commissioner of Economic Development is authorized to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act; including contracts or leases with persons or firms desiring to exhibit within the State of Maine exhibit and to charge fees, rentals or other costs for space used by such exhibitors, excepting other State Departments; such income shall be used as supplemental to this appropriation for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and any income balances shall not lapse until 60 days following the official close of the exhibition.

The laws relating to the construction, supervision, operation and control of state buildings and to the purchase of state supplies shall not necessarily apply to the Maine exhibition structure, exhibits or other facilities. Such contracts shall allow the State Auditor to examine and audit the books and records of any and all firms with whom contracts are entered into.

Funds from this appropriation or income from exhibitors shall not be expended for the construction of exhibits, personnel staffing, insurance, maintenance or any other expense of operating such exhibits, including those of other State Departments, except for usual security, janitorial and other services.

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