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**No. 1739**

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H. P. 1244

House of Representatives, January 17, 1966

The Committee on State Government suggested.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bishop of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SIX

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**RESOLVE, Authorizing Transfer of Certain Land from State of Maine to  
City of Presque Isle.**

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

Whereas, the City of Presque Isle needs to acquire title to certain land adjacent to Arnold Brook in order to make possible the construction of site number 6, Arnold Brook Lake, of the Presque Isle Stream Watershed Work Plan for flood and sediment control and recreational purposes; and

Whereas, this conveyance is needed immediately in order that the necessary planning may be accomplished and contracts for construction let to permit construction to start at the earliest possible date; 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

**State of Maine to convey land. Resolved:** That the State of Maine convey to the City of Presque Isle for the purposes aforesaid the following described piece or parcel of land located in said City of Presque Isle and belonging to the State of Maine.

Commencing at the northwest corner of premises in Presque Isle, owned by the State of Maine and operated as an agricultural experiment station known as

Aroostook Farm; thence easterly along the north line of said property to the contour line at elevation 462 feet above mean sea level; thence easterly along said north line of said premises 1,000 feet to an iron pin; thence south  $17^{\circ} 50''$  east, 990 feet to an iron pin; thence south  $14^{\circ} 20''$  west, 1,000 feet to an iron pin located on said contour line at elevation 462 feet above mean sea level; thence southerly along said contour line to the southerly line of said property belonging to the State of Maine; thence westerly along said southerly line of said property 1,100 feet to the easterly line of property of the City of Presque Isle; thence northerly along said easterly line of said city's property 1,800 feet to the north-easterly corner thereof; thence westerly along the northerly line of said city's property 2,400 feet to the easterly line of property now or formerly owned by Roger Duncan; thence northerly along said Duncan's easterly line 1,600 feet to the place of beginning. The premises herein described containing approximately 143 acres.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The land requested to be conveyed to the City of Presque Isle is required for the purposes of a flood control structure and pool on Arnold Brook in Presque Isle designated site number 6 of the Presque Isle Stream Watershed Workplan prepared jointly by the Central Aroostook Soil Conservation District, the Maine Soil Conservation Committee, the City of Presque Isle and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. In addition to flood control this project would provide a multiple purpose lake of over 400 acres providing many types of recreation within 3 miles of the center of the City of Presque Isle.

No cleared or agricultural land is involved. The area sought to be obtained from the State of Maine being predominantly marsh and cedar swamp. A fence will be provided to separate the public recreation area from the balance of the State's property.