

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1646

S. P. 640

In Senate, May 10, 1967

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Barnes of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for the Purchase of Land by the Seed Potato Board.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Seed Potato Board the sum of \$125,000 for the purchase of real estate and equipment for the testing of foundation seed potatoes. The appropriation shall be repaid into the State Treasury over a period of 10 years.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This money is to be used by the Seed Potato Board for the purpose of purchasing farm real estate and equipment in Homestead, Florida, the property being that used by the board in carrying out the Florida test for foundation seed potatoes. This project has been operated on a rental basis for 29 years at this same location. The property is being offered for sale and it seems advisable to the board and the Department of Agriculture that it be purchased by the State. It is extremely important to the seed potato industry that the Florida test continue in an orderly manner. While other land is available in the area to rent, it would be most advantageous for the board to continue at the present location.