

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 1163

House of Representatives May 1, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Exchange Land in T2 R6
(Big Squaw) BKP EKR, Piscataquis County.**

Forest Commissioner to exchange land. Resolved: That the Forest Commissioner is authorized to convey a parcel of land of approximately 960 acres, being all of the public lot in T2 R6 (Big Squaw) BKP EKR, Piscataquis County, in an exchange for a parcel of land of equal value, of not less than 960 acres in the said T2 R6 BKP EKR, Piscataquis County, owned by Scott Paper Company.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Squaw Mountain Corporation opened its first ski lift, a small T-bar, in 1963. Since that date public demand for the use of its services has caused the corporation to expand so that its present lift facilities now number 3, one chair lift and 2 T-bars, totalling 11,000 feet. The public use of this ski area now necessitates further development of the skiing facilities. The Squaw Mountain Corporation has turned Piscataquis County, and the Moosehead Lake area in particular, into a true 4-season resort area. The ski area has been a significant contributor to the well-being of the recreational industry in the State of Maine and has provided employment for a substantial number. Further development will increase its contribution.

In order to expand the existing facilities in a manner consistent with good ski area development it is necessary that land be utilized now designated as the "public lot" in said T2 R6 (Big Squaw) BKP EKR, the grass and timber

rights to which have been purchased by Scott Paper Company. The Forest Commissioner and Scott Paper Company, in order to aid in this recreational project, have expressed their willingness to exchange land of equal physical characteristics and value, so that future development will not be impeded by the location of the public lot.