

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2123

H. P. 1935

House of Representatives, January 28, 1976

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Authorizing the Department of Indian Affairs to Purchase Nicatow
Island on Behalf of the Penobscot Tribe.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Indian Affairs the sum of \$75,000 for the fiscal year 1976-77 to be used to purchase Nicatow Island as set forth below. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1976-77
INDIAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF	
All Other	\$75,000

This sum is to be used by the Department of Indian Affairs to purchase on behalf of and in the name of the Penobscot Indian Tribe the right, title and interest in Nicatow Island held by Roger H. McLaughlin, of Kingmam Township, and Perley E. McLaughlin, of the Town of Medway, by virtue of the conveyance of that island by Bertha B. McNeil to the McLaughlins by deed dated July 9, 1932, recorded July 14, 1932 in Penobscot County Registry of Deeds, Book 1055, Page 356, to be held by the Penobscot Indian Tribe in the same manner and with the same jurisdiction as the other lands in the Penobscot Reservation are held. Nicatow Island was one of the original islands in the Penobscot River reserved for Penobscot Indian Tribe under the treaties of 1818 and 1820, and was situated in Medway, County of Penobscot, formerly Township A, Range 6, at the junction of the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River, containing 15 acres, more or less.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the Department of Indian Affairs to purchase the rights of Roger H. and Perley E. McLaughlin in Nicatow Island in the Penobscot River for \$75,000. This island originally belonged to the Penobscot Tribe, and was transferred from their ownership in 1915 under a Council Order. This bill would return this island to the Penobscot Tribe.

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