

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2157

H. P. 1968

House of Representatives, February 2, 1976

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Exchange of Certain Lands in the Capitol Complex as Recommended by the Capitol Planning Commission.

The State Director of Public Improvements authorized to convey land. Resolved: That the State Director of Public Improvements, in the name of the State of Maine, be authorized to exchange land and buildings known as Packard Property and more fully described as follows: Land and buildings located at intersection of easterly side of Sewall Street and southerly side of Hayden Lane designated as Lots Numbers 16 and 2 on the City of Augusta Tax Map, containing approximately 0.42 acres, for land and buildings now owned by the Maine State Employees Credit Union, formerly the Nash School, more fully described as follows: Land and buildings located at the intersection of the easterly side of Sewall Street and southerly side of Capitol Street designated as Lot Number 6 on the City of Augusta Tax Map, containing approximately 0.28 acres. Any difference in the appraisal of these properties resulting in additional cash payment by the State of Maine shall be taken from the Purchase of Property Account contained in the Governor and Council's Contingent Account designated for that purpose.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine State Employees Credit Union recently purchased the Nash School property, the Nash School property being recently vacated by the City of Augusta. The Nash School is located in the heart of the Capitol Com-

plex Area just west of the State Office Building at the intersection of Sewall and Capitol Streets. The Credit Union purchased this school for the purpose of converting the facility into use as a bank. Such conversion would require an investment of a large amount of money.

The Capitol Planning Commission met and negotiated with representatives of the Credit Union and with their cooperation the work proposed by the Credit Union on the Nash School has been deferred. The Capitol Planning Commission believes that, in the long run, the location of this facility in the heart of the complex would in all likelihood present a conflict and to overcome such a conflict would be most expensive to the State and inconvenient to the Credit Union itself. As a result, the Capitol Planning Commission has recommended that the State, in essence, swap the Packard Property, located at the intersection of Sewall Street and Hayden Lane, for the Nash School property. This legislation would grant permission to exchange the Packard Property for the Nash School property.