

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2246

H. P. 2066

House of Representatives, February 23, 1976

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 635, as amended. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsor: Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Exchange of Certain Public Reserved Lands.

Director of Bureau of Public Lands; authorized to consummate exchange of public reserved lands. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands is authorized to consummate exchange of the following public reserved lands:

Whereas J. M. Huber Corporation and the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands have entered into certain letter agreements dated February 12, 1976, hereinafter set forth as a part of this resolve which contemplate an exchange of public reserved lands; therefore

The Director of the Bureau of Public Lands is authorized to consummate the letter agreements hereinafter set forth as a part of this resolve, and any lands received by the State pursuant to said agreements shall be, for all purposes, public reserved lands of the State of Maine and shall be held by the State subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to other public reserved lands.

February 12, 1976

Lee M. Schepps, Director  
Bureau of Public Lands  
State of Maine  
Department of Conservation  
State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Lee :

Please accept this letter as an indication of intent on the part of J. M. Huber Corporation to consummate the gift to the State of Maine as detailed below.

Gift: The J. M. Huber Corporation will make a charitable donation to the State of Maine of the following:

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Huber ownership of Bigelow Mountain in Wyman Township, approximately as depicted on plan attached hereto.            | 5,261 acres |
| 2. Huber ownership (undivided) in Township 10, Range 4, approximately as depicted on plan attached hereto.              | 1,184 acres |
| 3. A portion of Huber ownership (undivided) in Township 11, Range 4, approximately as depicted on plan attached hereto. | 6,361 acres |
| 4. Huber interest in Public Lot in Township 10, Range 4.  | 44 acres    |
| 5. Huber interest in Public Lot in Township 11, Range 4.  | 500 acres   |

This gift is to be conveyed after legislative passage and signing of a Resolve by the Governor authorizing this agreement, but prior to March 15, 1976.

We will proceed at once with the preparation of the necessary documents.

Very truly yours,

J. M. HUBER CORPORATION

/s/ David C. Semonite

David C. Semonite  
Vice President

DCS: rg

Seen and Agreed to by  
STATE OF MAINE

By /s/ Lee M. Schepps

Lee M. Schepps  
Bureau of Public Lands

February 12, 1976

Lee M. Schepps, Director  
Bureau of Public Lands  
State of Maine  
Department of Conservation  
State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Lee:

Please accept this letter as an indication of intent on the part of J. M. Huber Corporation to consummate the trade with the State of Maine as detailed below.

**Trade:** J. M. Huber Corporation to the State of Maine:

- 1. Huber ownership (undivided) in Township 11 Range 4, approximately as depicted on plan attached hereto. 1,215 acres

State of Maine to J. M. Huber Corporation:

- 1. State ownership in Public Lots in the Township listed on attachment. 12,152 acres

The State of Maine shall covenant not to sue or collect damages from J. M. Huber Corporation for an accounting for rents and profits based upon any claim the State may now have or ever had against Huber arising from their respective interests in the public reserved lands in the unorganized townships of the State, the State expressly reserving from its covenant the right to pursue any claim it may have against persons or entities other than Huber.

This trade transaction to be accomplished as soon as formal State authorization is finalized and effective.

Presuming that this agrees with your understanding and is acceptable, I would appreciate your signing and returning the enclosed duplicate.

We will proceed at once with the preparation of the necessary documents.

I believe the above arrangement is one that is very much in the interests of the State of Maine and of J. M. Huber Corporation. We do appreciate the interest and competence shown by you and the Bureau of Public Lands in bringing this to a successful conclusion.

Very truly yours,

J. M. HUBER CORPORATION

/s/ David C. Semonite

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By: /s/ Lee M. Schepps

Lee M. Schepps  
Bureau of Public Lands

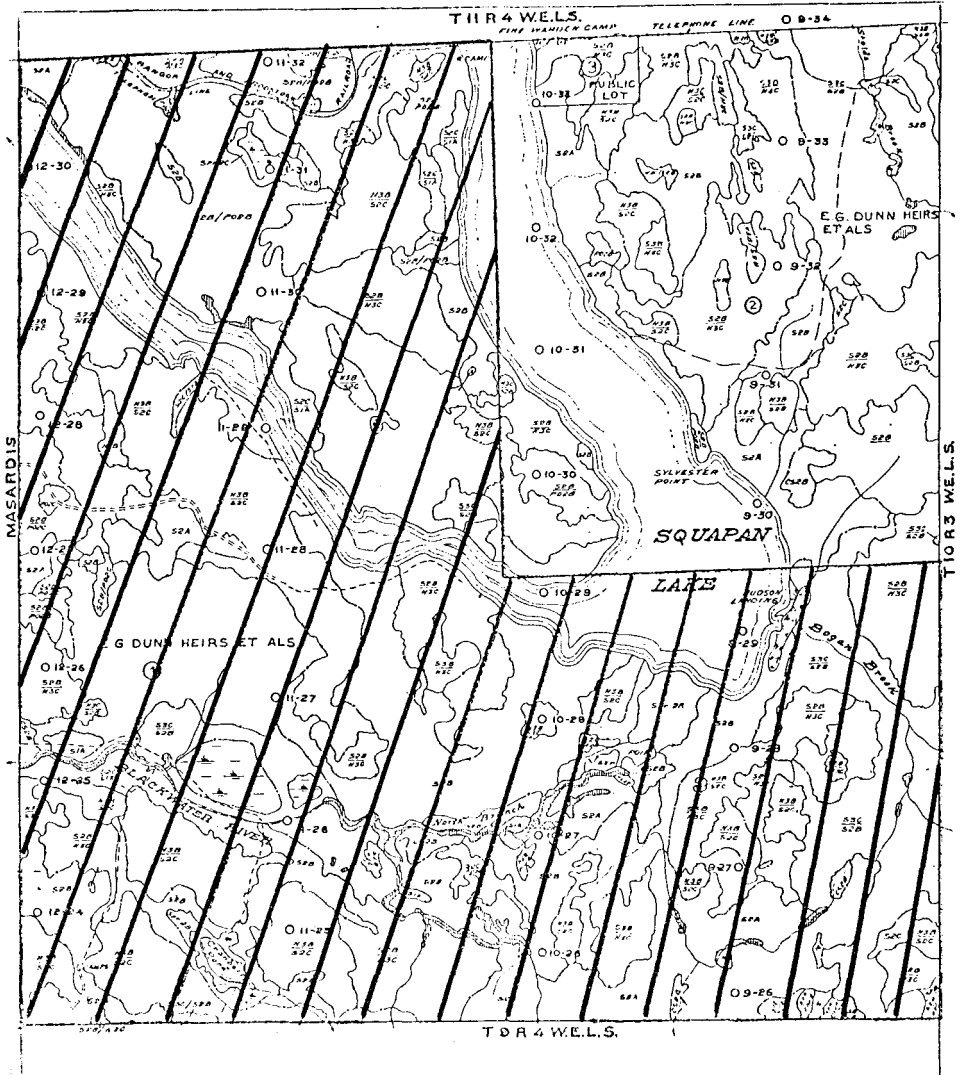
**LIST OF PUBLIC LOTS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE  
J. M. HUBER CORPORATION**

<b>Township</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
T4 R3, BKPWKR (Wyman), Franklin County	463
T6 R6, WELS, Penobscot County	240
T5 R7, WELS, " "	240
T6 R7, WELS, " "	1,000
T8 R7, WELS, " "	1,090
T6 R8, WELS, " "	500
T7 R9, WELS, Piscataquis County	1,000
T7 R10, WELS, " "	1,000
T2 R5, BKPEKR (Squaretown), Somerset County	480
T1 R6, BKPEKR (Indian Stream), " "	375
T2 R7, WELS (Soldiertown), Penobscot County	960
T7 R8, WELS, Penobscot County	500*
T9 R17, WELS, Somerset County	1,000
T9 R3, WELS, Aroostook County	208*
T12 R7, WELS, " "	167
T11 R8, WELS " "	9
T12 R9, WELS " "	16
T13 R10, WELS " "	28
T18 R10, WELS " "	3
T18 R11, WELS " "	3
T17 R12, WELS " "	64
T18 R12, WELS " "	20
T20 R11 & 12, WELS " "	37
T14 R13, WELS, Aroostook County	50
T15 R13, WELS " "	20
T16 R13, WELS " "	64
T17 R13, WELS " "	64
T18 R13, WELS " "	20

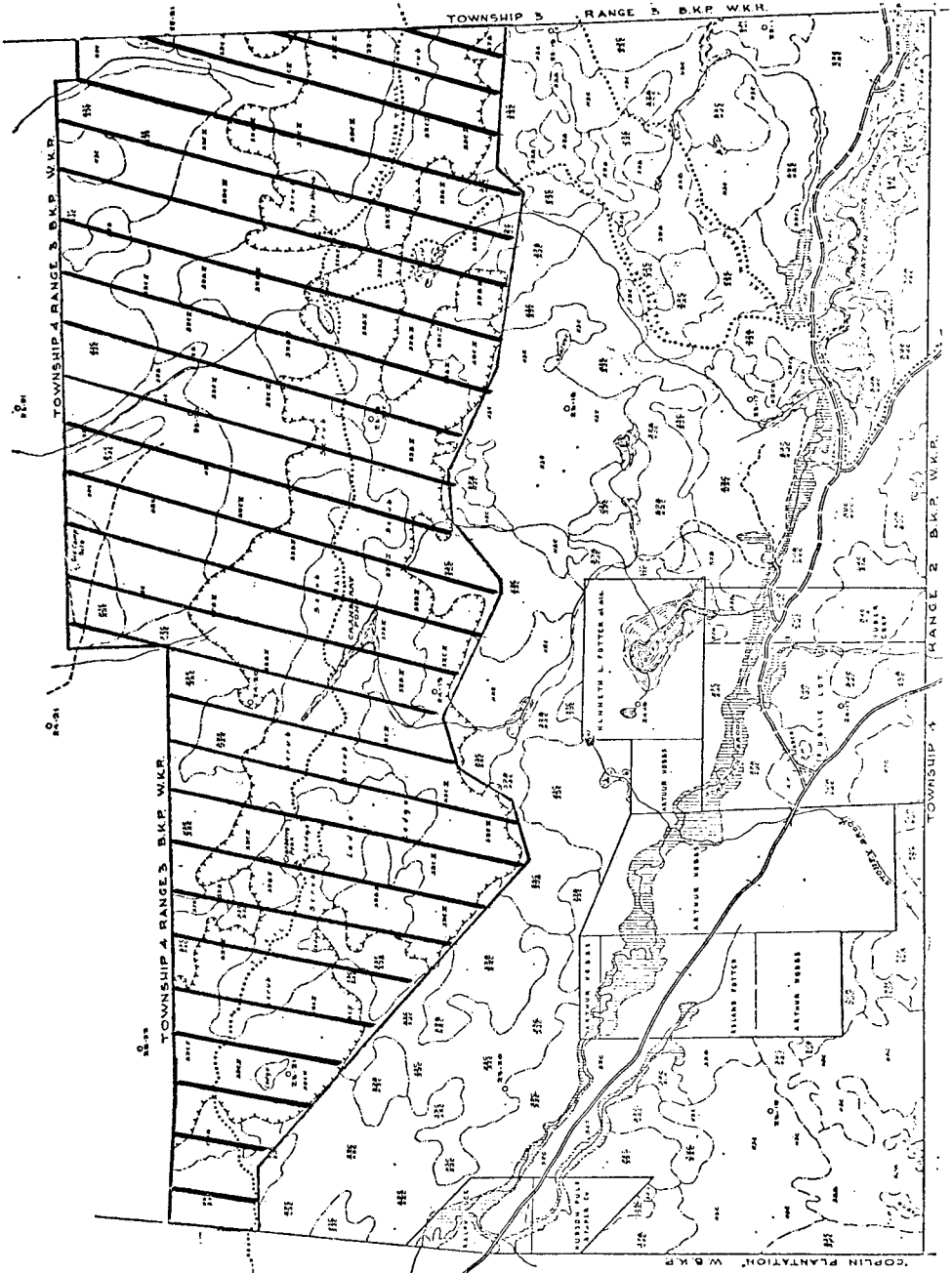
<b>Township</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
T13 R14, WELS " "	50
T14 R14, WELS " "	50
T15 R14, WELS " "	202
T17 R14, WELS " "	110
T13 R15, WELS " "	307
T14 R15, WELS " "	28
T15 R15, WELS " "	112
T12 R16, WELS " "	311
T14 R16, WELS " "	98
T6 R8, WELS, Penobscot County	18
T10 R15, WELS, Piscataquis County	28
T13 R16, WELS, Aroostook County	70
Kingman, Penobscot County	267
T6 R9, Piscataquis County	640
T7 R7, Penobscot County	240
TOTAL	12,162
	Acres of tax acquired property

\* Said acreage above asterisked to be conveyed is to be unlocated but to lie within that part of the Township owned by J. M. Huber Corporation, and the State of Maine shall not locate any additional public reserved acreage in said part of the Township presently owned by Huber, except to the extent necessary to locate an area that does not exceed a fair proportionate share of the public reserved acreage.









## STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve would authorize an exchange of public reserved lands with J. M. Huber Corporation which would result in the full ownership by the State of Maine of approximately 14,000 acres of land in 3 parcels, in exchange for approximately 12,100 acres of land in numerous parcels. There would result from the exchange the full recovery of timber and grass on the lands to be acquired by the State. Included in the lands which would be received by the State is the western half of Bigelow Mountain and substantial interests in the land around Squapan Lake near Presque Isle. The lands offer to the State outstanding opportunities for multiple use management.