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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1827

H.P. 1405

House of Representatives, January 4, 1984

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.
Ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
Rule 26.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Commissioner of
Marine Resources to Lease Land and Buildings
in West Boothbay Harbor.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
and

Whereas, the Department of Marine Resources owns
certain research facilities at McKown Point, West
Boothbay Harbor; and

Whereas, pursuant to Resolves, 1977, chapter 46,
the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences leased from
the department a portion of these facilities for pur-
poses of conducting marine research therein; and

Whereas, Bigelow Laboratory and the department
wish to extend the term of the existing lease and

1 modify other terms and conditions in order to enable
2 Bigelow to construct and finance certain improvements
3 therein; and

4 Whereas, the research being conducted by Bigelow
5 Laboratory is of vital importance to the long-range
6 understanding of the biological, chemical, physical
7 and ecological processes occurring in the Gulf of
8 Maine and the understanding of these processes is vi-
9 tal to proper management of the marine resources in
10 the Gulf of Maine; and

11 Whereas, the state's interest in the protection
12 and management of its marine resources would be fur-
13 thered by the continuation of research being con-
14 ducted by Bigelow Laboratory; and

15 Whereas, a long-term commitment of these facili-
16 ties is necessary to allow the development of future
17 plans for Bigelow Laboratory in concert with the de-
18 partment's master plan for the facility; and

19 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
20 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
21 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
22 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
23 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 Lease of land in West Boothbay Har-
26 bor. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Re-
27 sources, in the name of the State, may enter a new
28 lease, consistent with the state's obligations to the
29 Federal Government with respect to the facilities,
30 for all or portions of a certain lot or parcel of
31 land and the buildings thereon, situated in West
32 Boothbay Harbor in the County of Lincoln and the
33 State of Maine: Being the parcel known as the Bio-
34 logical Laboratory and described in the deed of the
35 United States to the State of Maine, dated September
36 26, 1978, and recorded in the Lincoln County Registry
37 of Deeds at Book 973, Page 43. The new lease may be
38 for a term of 50 years, together with any renewals or
39 replacements thereof, and shall be to the Bigelow
40 Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. The commissioner may
41 from time to time enter into the amendments of that
42 lease as he deems in furtherance of the public inter-
43 est.

