

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 11

S. P. 36

In Senate, Jan. 11, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Blaisdell of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section 110 of Chapter 5, Revised Statutes of Maine for 1930.

Emergency Preamble.

Whereas, a distressing condition of unemployment exists in parts of the state including Mount Desert Island whereon Acadia National Park is principally located. An offer has been made to promptly build, without cost to the state or any town, some fourteen miles of road mainly crossing such National Park. Such building is obstructed and unless this act is passed will be prevented by the action of the owners of a lot containing five acres, not used by them as a residence, but essential to the road, which owners have repeatedly refused to sell the lot for park purposes. The passage of this act will, it is believed, bring about the building of the road and thus give employment to a large number of idle men with needy families.

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section sixteen of article thirty-one of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore.

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

Sec. 1. **R. S. C. 5, § 110 amended.** Section 110 of chap-

ter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'When land under this section, is taken for a public park, the fee of such land may be taken and compensation assessed and paid accordingly. Land in any town so taken for a public park may by authority of a majority vote at a town meeting be transferred and conveyed to the Federal Government so as to become a part of a National Park. Nothing herein shall be held to deprive the former land owners from proceeding to restrain the use of such land for other than public park purposes.'

Sec. 2. **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.