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House of Representatives, February 23, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land in
Augusta to City of Augusta.**

Land conveyed to City of Augusta. Resolved: That the Forest Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to convey to the City of Augusta, land described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of land situated on the west side of the river in Augusta, county of Kennebec and State of Maine, and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of the Augusta State Airport and said point being three hundred fifteen and seventy-two hundredths feet (315.72') westerly of the northeast corner of land deeded to the State of Maine by the City of Augusta September 16, 1940 and recorded in Kennebec County Registry of Deeds Book 770 Page 176 and Book 777 Page 410 and said point being three hundred fifty feet (350') northerly of the ENE-WSW runway; thence in a continuation of said northerly line of the airport a distance of eight hundred ninety-five and two tenths feet (895.2'); thence southerly at an angle of 96° a distance of four hundred ninety-five feet (495'); thence easterly at an angle of 90° a distance of one hundred ninety-three feet (193'); thence northwesterly at an angle of 139° 50' in a line parallel to and three hundred fifty feet (350') northwesterly of the ENE-WSW runway a distance of nine hundred twelve and five tenths feet (912.5') to the point of beginning. Containing 6.6 acres. As shown on "Plan of Augusta State Airport" made by the City of Augusta, December 8, 1954.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This land that the City wishes to obtain is undeveloped land and it contains a gully and about half of a deep hole into which the drainage from part of the airport now empties. This hole is now partly full of water, approximately 60 feet deep and it covers approximately one acre. Also this land lies to the south of the existing City gravel pits.

Reasons for obtaining additional land :

1. After the City deeded the land to the State in 1940, the City was left with a narrow strip of land between the Augusta Water District's right of way and the airport property. As the Gravel in this remaining strip is nearly exhausted, the City is in need of additional gravel.

2. The City helped the State Airport in the following ways:

a. Deeded land in 1940 as previously mentioned.

b. Paid the State \$1250 for one half of the cost of approximately 46 acres of land for the extension of the north end of the NW-SE runway.

c. Gave the State approximately 100,000 cubic yards of fill for the extension of the runway at a value of approximately \$10,000.

3. In view of the above it would seem only right and fair for the State to deed back to the City the land adjacent to the City's gravel pits that is not absolutely necessary for the safety of the operation of the airport. If this could be arranged it would be a great benefit to the citizens of Augusta without in anyway harming the present airport or at any expense to the State.

4. The City has erected a new crushing and screening plant in their present gravel pit and with this plant is now able to salvage more of the material in the pits. The longer this plant can stay in one location the more economical it will be for the City in getting the most out of the investment of the new plant.

The City's obligation to the State if the land is transferred.

1. If it becomes necessary for the State to extend any of the runways in the future the City could give the State some fill from the City Farm property to the north of its present gravel pit. Also some arrangement could be made for the City to supply all or at least a reasonable amount of gravel necessary to base any future runway extensions.

2. Adjacent to the airport land the City is to maintain a slope of $1\frac{1}{2}$ on 1 at the face of the gravel pit. This is to be done so that erosion will not encroach on the airport land at the line 350' from the center line of the runways.