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Legislative Document

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S. P. 203

In Senate, February 10, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Stilphen of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

**RESOLVE, to Provide Funds for Land Acquisition and Plans for State
Highway Office Building.**

To provide funds for land acquisition and plans for state highway office building. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, transferred from the Unappropriated Surplus, General Highway Fund, the amount of \$150,000 for land acquisition and development of plans for an office building in Augusta for the use of the State Highway Commission.

Expenditure of funds under the provisions of this resolve shall be subject to approval by the Governor and Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Present space (5th floor) of the Highway Department is inadequate. In the winter of 1957-58, the Bureau of Public Improvements permitted the Highway Department to utilize space on the first floor. During the winter of 1958-59, the State Highway Commission has been granted space in the Vickery-Hill building. The crowded conditions of the drafting rooms and space allotted to the housekeeping functions does not allow maximum efficiency in performing the increased workload occasioned by the great expansion in highway construction. Similarly, the Bureau of Public Improvements are receiving requests for additional space from other departments and since the Highway Department is the only department occupying a complete floor, the Bureau of Public Improvements determined that their additional space requirements could be met by the removal of the State Highway Commission to a new building.

Funds to be made available under the provisions of this resolve would be used by the State Highway Commission, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, to acquire necessary land in Augusta near the State Office Building and also to develop plans and specifications for a building which will contain about 52,000 square feet of floor area. Plans will be reviewed by the Bureau of Public Improvements. Authorization for the construction of the building will be the subject of a separate resolve to be considered by the Legislature in the future.