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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1091, L.D. 1600, Bill, “An Act Regarding Consent to Land Transfers to the Federal Government”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §15 is amended to read:

§15. Consent of Legislature to acquisition of land by United States for public buildings; record of conveyances

In accordance with the Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Section VIII, Clause 17, and Acts of Congress in such cases provided, the consent of the Legislature is given to the acquisition by the United States, or under its authority, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, of any land in this State required for the erection of lighthouses or for sites for customhouses, courthouses, post offices, arsenals or other public buildings, or for any other purposes of the government, except for the designation of property as a national monument pursuant to 54 United States Code, Section 320301 (2015). Deeds and conveyances or title papers for the same ~~shall~~ must be recorded upon the land records of the county or registry district in which the land so conveyed may lie; and in like manner may be recorded a sufficient description by metes and bounds, courses and distances, of any tracts and legal divisions of any public lands belonging to the United States set apart by the general government for either of the purposes before mentioned, by an order, patent or other official paper so describing such land.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It removes the requirement for a reverter clause in a deed and conveyance or title papers in the event that land is given by the State to the Federal Government and the Federal Government attempts to designate such land a national monument. It adds language specifying that, in the case of designation of property as a national monument, the consent of the Legislature is not given to the Federal Government for the acquisition of land.

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