7 April 2017

The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 7, "An Act To Allow Conveyance of Land Previously Conveyed by the State to the Town of Bridgton."

This bill gives the town of Bridgton the ability to convey non-waterfront portions of a piece of property held for public use, if the town determines the portion to be conveyed have no identifiable public use. It also requires that revenues received by the town from such conveyance be held in a trust for parks and recreational purposes.

The state conveyed this parcel of land to the town in the 1970s with deed restrictions limiting its uses for recreational purposes. If the town does not have a use for portions of this property, which was conveyed for specific public purposes, then it should revert back to the state, and the state should benefit from the sale of the parcel or portions thereof.

For this reason, I return LD 7 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor