

January 18, 1951.
Public Lands and Buildings.

House File 93
By SLOANE and RYAN.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to authorize the Executive Council to sell certain land belonging to the state of Iowa situated in block three (3), H Lyons Addition to the town of Demoine, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, block three (3) H Lyons Addition to the town of Demoine, now included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa is bounded on the east by what was formerly East Tenth Street and on the south by East Grand Avenue, on the west by East Ninth Street and on the north by Des Moines Street, and

WHEREAS, said block three (3) is owned entirely by the state of Iowa except for "lots eleven (11) and twelve (12) (except the south sixty-five feet thereof)", which is owned by the Central Lutheran Church of Des Moines, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the said Central Lutheran Church building was erected in the year 1909 prior to the establishment of what is commonly known as the "Capital Extension Grounds", and

WHEREAS, said "Capital Extension Grounds" were established and laid out about the year 1917 or 1918, and

WHEREAS, said Central Lutheran Church desires to purchase the south sixty-five feet of said lots eleven (11) and twelve (12) and all of lot ten (10) thereof, making a square plot of ground one hundred fifty (150) feet by one hundred fifty (150) feet, and

WHEREAS, ownership of said ground by said church was not considered detrimental to the aesthetic consideration in the establishment of said "Capital Extension Grounds" and said ground was not purchased or condemned at that time, and

WHEREAS, the sixty-five feet to the south and the fifty feet

feet to the east of said church property are no longer desired for use by the state and ownership of said ground by the said church does not further mar the beauty or usefulness of said "Capital Extension Grounds"; now therefore

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. That the Executive Council be and is hereby
2 authorized to sell at private sale to Central Lutheran Church
3 of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, a non-profit corporation
4 organized under the laws of the state of Iowa, the following
5 described real estate, to-wit: "Lot ten (10) and the south
6 sixty-five feet of lots eleven (11) and twelve (12) in block
7 three (3) in H Lyons Addition to the town of Demoine, now
8 included in and forming a part of the city of Des Moines, Polk
9 County, Iowa" at such price and upon such terms as the said
10 executive Council shall deem most advantageous to the state of
11 Iowa.

1 Sec. 2. That funds accruing from such sale shall be
2 deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the
3 general fund.

1 Sec. 3. The governor and secretary of state are hereby
2 authorized to execute all necessary deeds of conveyance re-
3 quired to convey said premises to the purchaser.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 93

Central Lutheran Church owns the property in the northwest corner of the "Capital Extension Grounds" at East Ninth and Des Moines Streets. It is the only privately owned property within the "Capital Extension" area. They seek to buy an additional sixty-five feet to the south and fifty feet to the east of the present church building. This church owned the property for nine years before the "Capital Extension" was created and in 1918 the state of Iowa did not consider it necessary to condemn this church property and it was the only piece not acquired by the state. This bill would authorize the Executive Council to sell to the church the additional state ground in order to provide the church with space for their activities.