

LAND OWNED BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NEAR THE
CORNER OF THIRTEENTH AND UPSHUR STREETS NW.

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Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2982]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2982) to provide for the conveyance of certain land owned by the District of Columbia near the corner of Thirteenth and Upshur Streets NW., and the acquisition of certain land by the District of Columbia in exchange for said part to be conveyed, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

At present the District of Columbia owns all land on the north side of Upshur Street between Fourteenth Street and Iowa Avenue with the exception of a small tract designated as parcel 84/93, which is the property of the George B. Mullin Co. The latter is willing to exchange this for certain other property owned by the District on the south side of Upshur Street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets, and to also transfer to the District certain alley property in the same vicinity. The net result will be that the Mullin Co. will receive 4,450 square feet of land fronting on Upshur Street, and the District will acquire 9,715 square feet of land, part of which fronts on Upshur Street and the remainder on an alley back of other property owned by the District. This will "square up" some very undesirable boundary lines, so far as the District is concerned, and give the District an unbroken frontage. The ratio of footage exchanged is based on a computation approved by the assessor of the District of Columbia, the District receiving $2\frac{1}{4}$ square feet for each square foot it conveys.

The fact that it is intended to build the new Business High School on a part of this land owned by the District in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Upshur Streets also makes the exchange desirable from the District's standpoint.

The letter of the District Commissioners recommending the exchange authorized by the bill is appended and made a part of this report.

WASHINGTON, February 2, 1926.

HON. FREDERICK N. ZIHLMAN,
Chairman Committee on the District of Columbia,
House of Representatives.

SIR: The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have the honor to transmit herewith a draft of a bill entitled "A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land owned by the District of Columbia near the corner of Thirteenth and Upshur Streets NW., and the acquisition of certain land by the District of Columbia in exchange for said part to be conveyed, and for other purposes," which they request be introduced during the present Congress.

The object of the proposed bill is to authorize the commissioners to transfer to the G. B. Mullin Co. (Inc.) a certain portion of parcel 84/134 (shown in red on the inclosed blue print), fronting on the south side of Upshur Street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets NW., in exchange for parcel 84/93 (shown in green) on the north side of Upshur Street east of Thirteenth Street (containing 239 square feet), and that part of lot 31, square 2822, also shown in green.

The Mullin Co. offers to make this exchange at the rate of $2\frac{1}{4}$ square feet of lot 31, square 2822, being alley property, for each 1 square foot of parcel 84/134. This ratio is based on a computation approved by the assessor of the District of Columbia. In the exchange of property the Mullin Co. will receive 4,450 square feet of land and the District 9,715 square feet.

It is the opinion of the commissioners that the proposed bill is desirable in that it will make it possible to "square up" some very undesirable boundary lines. The transfer of parcel 84/93 to the District will complete the ownership by the District of all land on the north side of Upshur Street between Fourteenth Street and Iowa Avenue.

Very respectfully,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
By CUNO H. RUDOLPH, *President.*

The letter of the citizens' advisory council recommending this measure is as follows:

FEBRUARY 17, 1926.

HON. FREDERICK N. ZIHLMAN,
Chairman Committee on the District of Columbia,
House of Representatives.

GENTLEMEN: The citizens' advisory council has had under consideration on your reference H. R. 8712, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, pertaining to the exchange of certain parcels of land near the corner of Thirteenth and Upshur Streets NW.

The council recommends favorable action on this bill for the reasons set forth in the accompanying report thereon, which was unanimously adopted by the council.

Respectfully submitted.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL,
By JESSE C. SUTER, *Chairman.*