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Legislative Document

No. 1409

S. P. 517

House of Representatives, April 2, 1953.

Read twice. Rules suspended. Read third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the Gift of Six Hundred Seventy-five Thousand (\$675,000) Dollars for the new Maine State School for the Deaf to be Constructed on Mackworth Island in the Town of Falmouth, Maine, and for a new Bridge Connecting said Island with the Mainland of said Town.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature the acceptance of the gifts as offered by the Honorable Percival Proctor Baxter creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

WHEREAS, PERCIVAL PROCTOR BAXTER, Governor of Maine during the years 1921-1925, by Deed dated January 13, 1943, and recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, Book 1706, Page 54, donated and conveyed to the State of Maine, IN TRUST, Mackworth Island, Mackworth Rock, and the Bridge leading to said Island, all in the Town of Falmouth, and

WHEREAS, the said State by Legislative Act, Chapter 1 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine 1943, accepted the said Gifts, the same for-

ever to be held by said State IN TRUST to be used for State Public Purposes as stated in said conveyance, the said acceptance being recorded in said Registry, Book 1727, Page 361, and

WHEREAS, the said Baxter in a Communication dated March 4, 1953 addressed to His Excellency Burton M. Cross, Governor of Maine, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature, expressed his desire that his Gifts be used during his life time for State Public Purposes within the provisions of said Trust, and

WHEREAS, the said Baxter in said Communication offers to donate to said State the sum of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars toward the establishment on said Island of a new Maine School for the Deaf, and

WHEREAS, the said Baxter further offers to donate to the said State the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars for the construction of a Bridge to said Island, together with an additional sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars for the said Bridge, as offered by letter addressed to His Excellency Burton M. Cross, Governor of Maine, dated March 9, 1953, making a total of one hundred seventy-five thousand (\$175,000) dollars for the said Bridge.

NOW THEREFORE, the 96th Legislature of the State of Maine hereby accepts the offer by said Baxter to donate the total sum of six hundred seventy-five thousand (\$675,000) dollars to the said State to be used for the Purposes as specified in said Communication of March 4, 1953.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.