

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1496**

S. P. 564

In Senate, April 22, 1953.

Reported by Senator Collins of Aroostook from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Baxter State Park.**

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**Baxter State Park; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$11,000 for the 1953-1954 fiscal year for construction and improvement at Baxter State Park. Such expenditures shall be as recommended by the Baxter state park commission and approved by the governor and council. It is the intent of the legislature that the Baxter state park commission in their recommendations and the governor and council in their approval shall consider the total needs related to the overall development of Baxter State Park and in their final consideration give approval to such expenditures as shall accomplish the greatest possible development of this park facility within the limits of the appropriation provided herein.

Any balances at June 30, 1954 shall be carried forward to the 1954-55 fiscal year, but all unencumbered appropriation balances shall lapse June 30, 1955.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Baxter State Park was made possible by the generous gift of Percival Baxter, accepted by the state January 1931. The 94th legislature appro-

priated \$25,000 for the initial development of the facility. Baxter State Park possesses natural advantages capable of extensive development into a facility which will have great and general use and add substantially to the recreational facilities offered by the state of Maine.

In recommending a total of \$11,000 for this park during the next biennium, the committee concluded that such an appropriation represented a fair allocation to Baxter State Park from the total available unappropriated surplus funds. The committee also concluded that although substantially the entire amount requested by the Baxter state park commission is provided for in this act, a further study by the commission, subject to the approval of the governor and council, will make certain that the sum herein provided is used to the best advantage in the development of the park.

Below is an itemized tabulation of the construction and improvement needs showing the request of the department which in the governor's recommendation was approved in full:

	<b>Department Request</b>	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
Baxter State Park		
Furnish water supply to rangers' cabin	700	—
Construction six lean-tos and two toilets—Roaring Brook	1,450	—
Construction rangers' camp and six lean-tos— Sourdnahunk	4,135	—
Construction four lean-tos—Chimney Pond	650	—
Construction rangers' camp—Katahdin campground	2,050	—
Construction six lean-tos—Russell Pond	600	—
Replace dam—Katahdin Stream campground	1,500	—
Entrance to headquarters camp	150	—
Total	<u>11,235</u>	—