

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninetieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



1941

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SENATE

Wednesday, January 8, 1941.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Cymbrid Hughes of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Communications

State of Maine
Executive Department
Augusta

January 8, 1941

The Honorable President of the Senate

The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives, 90th Legislature

Dear Sir:

I am very happy to transmit herewith a letter along with accompanying act from the Honorable Percival P. Baxter of Portland in which he generously offers another substantial gift of land for park purposes.

Baxter State Park, including Mt. Katahdin, now comprises 23,000 acres. With the acceptance of this latest donation, if the 90th legislature votes this action, the total area of the park will be 35,000 acres. Additional land already acquired and to be conveyed to the State at a later time will increase the size of this park to approximately 100,000 acres.

The thoughtfulness, vision and action through which Mr. Baxter has undertaken to make this vast area forever available to us and to our children commands deep appreciation and gratitude. It will long be remembered by the people of Maine.

I recommend the acceptance of this gift.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

Portland, Maine

January 8, 1941

Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor, and

Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninetieth Legislature:

In furtherance of my ambition to create an extensive State Park in the forest regions of Maine for the benefit of the people of Maine of

today and tomorrow, I have acquired and still am acquiring, certain areas of wild forest land in the mountainous region of Katahdin.

From time to time I have deeded and conveyed to the state of Maine as Trustee in Trust, certain of these areas and I now desire to donate and convey to the state twelve thousand (12,000) acres more or less in township 4 range 9, Piscataquis County. This township is called Traveler Town for within its boundaries is located Traveler Mountain 4,000 feet in height, together with several other peaks of lesser altitude. Moreover in the heart of this township is located a complete set of camps available for tourists and mountain climbers. Probably there is no section of Maine where there is a larger population of moose and bear than in this Traveler Town; it is one of the wildest portions of our State. I am informed that in this township there are sections on the slopes of Traveler Mountain that never have been touched by the axe of Man.

This gift if accepted and added to the areas already conveyed gives the State approximately 35,000 acres of wild forest land including Mount Katahdin. Other land, 64,000 acres in extent, already acquired by me make a total area of 99,255 acres for this park and this later will be donated to the state. In case of my decease provision has been made to carry out my plan to complete this park project. In order that certain lines may be straightened out and certain gaps filled I am endeavoring to acquire still other land in this interesting region later to be added to the 99,255 acres herein referred to.

In offering to you this conveyance and deed of gift, I am confident that if you accept it in Trust for the People of Maine that the Trust therein created never will be violated by the People of the Sovereign State of Maine. Therefore I now present to you an Act of Acceptance and request your Excellency and your Honorable Bodies to approve and accept this gift and conveyance to the State as Trustee in Trust for the People of Maine.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

PERCIVAL PROCTOR BAXTER

Which communications (S. P. 33) were read and sent to the House.

Out of order and under suspension of the rules, Mr. Friend of Somerset presented bill An Act Accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter the Conveyance and Gift of 12,000 Acres of Land in Piscataquis County. (S. P. 34)

Which bill was accepted and under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee, was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Joint Order

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that in order that the Records of the Gift by Percival Proctor Baxter to the State of Maine as Trustee in Trust of approximately twelve thousand (12,000) acres in township four (4), range nine (9) W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County (Baxter State Park) be complete and in enduring form, the communication dated January eighth, 1941 addressed by said Baxter to Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives together with the message of Governor Sewall transmitting the said communication to the legislature be printed in the Laws of Maine for 1941-42. (S. P. 35)

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House:

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and House as advances on account of compensation established by statute, the amount of seventy dollars (\$70) fortnightly, according to lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House respectively; and that the final pay rolls bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. (H. P. 3)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

The following bills and resolves were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Motor Vehicles

Mr. Findlen of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Relating to Pedestrians." (S. P. 27)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Regulating the Dimming of Lights on Approaching Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 28)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Fellows of Kennebec presented "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Mrs. George A. Hogan of Augusta." (S. P. 29)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for a Pension for Florence E. Tuttle, of Augusta." (S. P. 30)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mary I. Ruth, of Augusta." (S. P. 31)

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Dow of Franklin, it was

ORDERED, that the Committee on Claims be granted the use of the Senate Chamber for public hearings each Tuesday during the session, starting Tuesday, January 21, 1941, and each Friday during the session, starting February 21, 1941.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges for public hearings on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of each week, during the session, beginning Wednesday, January 22, 1941.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the necessary provisions and alterations to provide for two committee rooms to be located on the east side of the museum.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.