

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRED TH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1015

H. P. 727

House of Representatives, January 31, 1961

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hardy of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE, for Development of Revenue-Producing Park Facilities on Mt. Battie.

Revenue-producing park facilities on Mt. Battie; appropriation for. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$160,000 for the development of park facilities on Mt. Battie, in the Town of Camden, to be expended by and under the supervision of the State Park Commission with approval of the Governor and Council.

Any balance on June 30, 1962 shall be carried forward to the 1962-63 fiscal year, but any unencumbered balance shall lapse on June 30, 1963.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This appropriation will make possible a road to the summit of Mt. Battie (which is within the boundaries of Camden Hills State Park) and parking facilities at the summit, thus making available to Maine residents and visitors alike a view of Penobscot Bay, its islands and the surrounding countryside which is unmatched on the Atlantic Coast.

A hotel once situated on Mt. Battie and reached by carriage road was destroyed by fire many years ago; only those who are able to hike up a steep mountain trail have been able to enjoy this scenic splendor in recent years.

The attraction of Cadillac Mountain, in Acadia National Park, and the contribution of that equally unique, but markedly different, panorama to that

region's popularity as a tourist mecca, demonstrates the value of such facilities to the State of Maine.

The direct return to the State in revenue from operating these facilities will substantially offset the annual operating cost of Camden Hills State Park. The availability of inmates of the Maine State Prison to perform much of the labor on this project will hold the cost to a minimum. The cost of constructing the essential facilities is estimated to be:

Access road	\$100,000
Parking areas	25,000
Concession with toilets, water, etc.	<u>35,000</u>
	\$160,000