

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1950

H. P. 1845

House of Representatives, February 13, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. MacEachern of Lincoln.

Cosponsors: Mr. Pearson of Old Town, Mr. Birt of East Millinocket and Mr. Dudley of Enfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Appropriate Operational Moneys for the Mattawamkeag Wilderness Park.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, \$400,000 has been invested to establish a wilderness park in Mattawamkeag; and

Whereas, unless an additional \$25,000 is appropriated for the operation and maintenance of this park, it will be forced to close and the original investment in the park will be lost; and

Whereas, this money is urgently needed if the park is to continue operation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require 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:

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Parks and Recreation

All Other

\$25,000

These funds shall be used to fund operational and maintenance costs of the Mattawamkeag Wilderness Park.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

There has been invested \$400,000 in creating a wilderness part in Mattawamkeag. A further appropriation of \$25,000 is needed to continue operation and maintenance of this park. Unless these funds are appropriated immediately, the park will be forced to close, resulting in the loss of the initial investment, as well as the loss to the State of a park with a unique quality and beauty. Closing the park will mean its rapid deterioration and possible vandalization of the park area.