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EMERGENCY
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2035

H. P. 2031

House of Representatives, March 24, 1980

The Committee on Taxation suggested and sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of Patten.

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

Whereas, county taxes are based upon the state valuation; and

Whereas, the county tax rate must be established by April 1, 1980; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary this legislation be passed as an emergency in order to become effective prior to April 1, 1980; 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:

Town of Patten; state valuation. For the purpose of determining the amount of school subsidies to which School Administrative District No. 25 shall be eligible to receive for the fiscal year 1980-81 and apportionment of county taxes for fiscal year 1980 and any other applications where state aid or subsidies are required, the state valuation of the Town of Patten shall be set at \$11,100,000. Such valuation

shall be used in the determination of the per pupil valuation of the Town of Patten as set forth by statute.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The burning of the Huber Lumber Company at Patten resulted in a loss of \$788,100 in assessed valuations. The deadline for filing an appeal to the Bureau of Taxation for reduction in state valuations was September 30, 1979, and the town first learned of the loss of the plant on March 30, 1980.