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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2153

S.P. 805

In Senate, February 29, 1984

Taken from table on motion by Senator Pray of Penobscot.
Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent down for
concurrence and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

Cosponsors: Representative Masterman of Milo, Representative Clark of
Millinocket and Representative Michaud of E. Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

AN ACT Providing for Maintenance of
Certain Roads in Baxter State Park.

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

Whereas, funding for road maintenance has been so
inadequate in recent years that the roads in Baxter
State Park are now in extremely poor condition; and

Whereas, runoff from melting snow and heavy rains
may be expected this spring as in past years, further
damaging these roads; and

Whereas, additional funding is immediately needed
to make the Baxter State Park roads safe in time for
the summer season of heaviest use; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
8 follows:

9 P&SL 1955, c. 186, §1, first sentence, as amended
10 by P&SL 1969, c. 161, §1, is further amended to read:

11 The State Highway Commission is hereby authorized
12 and directed to expend on the unimproved portion of
13 Baxter State Park road, so called, commencing at or
14 near Millinocket Lake and extending to Sourdnahunk
15 Field, and the unimproved portion of the road which
16 leads from Baxter State Park road via Togue Ponds in
17 Township 2, Range 9, to its terminus on land of the
18 State at Roaring Brook in Township 3, Range 9,
19 Piscataquis County, and the unimproved portion of the
20 road which begins at Sourdnahunk Field, T. 4, R. 10,
21 Piscataquis County; thence to Sourdnahunk Lake, T. 5,
22 R. 10; thence to Dwelly Pond and McCarthy's which is
23 located on the south branch of Trout Brook; thence to
24 the end of the designated state aid road in T. 6, R.
25 8, Penobscot County, also the road from the last men-
26 tioned road to South Branch Lake in Township 5, Range
27 9, also the road from the west line of Township 5,
28 Range 10, said west line being a portion of the west
29 boundary of Baxter State Park, to the intersection of
30 said road with the road from Dwelly Pond and
31 McCarthy's to the end of the designated state aid
32 road in T. 6, R. 8, Penobscot County, as much as
33 shall be deemed necessary for their maintenance, in-
34 cluding bridges and culverts, but not to exceed
35 ~~\$\$\$2,000~~ \$60,000 per year, some portions of the above
36 described being private roads, open to the public.

37 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
38 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
39 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The funds appropriated for road maintenance of Baxter State Park have not been increased since 1969 although costs have risen several fold. This new annual appropriation, effective immediately, will allow the roads to be maintained safely.

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