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House of Representatives, February 3, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Maine Publicity, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE for the Development and Improvement of Baxter State Park.

Baxter State Park; development and improvement of. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$12,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and the sum of \$13,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, for the purpose of expanding and improving the recreational facilities of said park in the "Roaring Brook" area at the south end of said park and the "Trout Brook" area at the north end of the park, including the purchase of equipment necessary for camp ground operation and fire patrol. Said development, improvement and purchase of equipment for the aforesaid purposes shall be carried out under the direction of the Baxter State Park Authority. This appropriation is for capital expenditure and not of a recurring nature, and any unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuous carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Provisions are being made by the Park Authority to establish facilities and control by personnel in the "Roaring Brook" area at the south end of the park during the fiscal year 1949-50, for which an estimate of \$12,000 has been made. It is planned that these facilities will accommodate 64 people. At the present time campers have no opportunity to camp in this area, which is at the end of an auto road.

Similar facilities and control are to be established in the "Trout Brook" area at the north end of the park for the fiscal year 1950-51, for which an estimate of \$13,000 has been made, as no facilities for camping exist in or near this area and the resources of that region are without protection at the present time. This "Trout Brook" area is embraced in the new additions of land recently accepted by the State on the north end of the park. Twenty-five thousand dollars was recommended by the Governor in his budget message when he said,

"Maine has in Baxter State Park a resource that should be developed as soon as possible to enable more and more people to take advantage of this great area made possible by the outstanding generosity of former Governor Percival P. Baxter."