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In Senate, February 17, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Butler of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey the Flowage Rights on Mattagamon Lake, in Township 6, Range 9, W. E. L. S., Piscataquis County, to East Branch Improvement Company.

Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to convey certain flowage rights. Re-soived: That the Forest Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to convey the flowage rights between elevation 655 and 665 of the Mattagamon Lake Flowage area at the place it adjoins Baxter State Park, in Township 6, Range 9, W. E. L. S., Piscataquis County, also authority to enter and cross Baxter State Park lands in doing the work reasonably required in cutting of the Mattagamon Lake Flowage area to the East Branch Improvement Company. The price shall be consistent with the value of timber on the area to be flowed in Township 6, Range 9, described above. Proceeds shall be paid to the State for use in Baxter Park.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

When former Governor Baxter purchased this land and deeded it to the State, he agreed that these rights should be granted and has made the following statement to the Baxter State Park Authority in a letter dated September 1, 1954:

“It is the intent of the East Branch Improvement Company at some future date to raise the water level of the Matagamon Lakes from elevation 655 to elevation 665. Preparatory to that the company has all necessary flowage rights except for a small land area in the township six (6) range nine (9) land offered by me to the State on January 12, 1949 and accepted by Chapter 1, Private and Special Laws of 1949. It is my desire that the East Branch Improvement Company have such rights in this 1949 area as may be required in their storage development plans and to accomplish that I give my assent and support to such legislature resolve as will permit the proper state officials to sell the flowage in this T 6 R 9 area to the Company at a price consistent with the value of the timber thereon. The proceeds, if in keeping with state policy, shall accrue to the benefit of Baxter State Park.

It is understood that said Improvement Company shall burn, remove or otherwise dispose of all the lumber, slash or refuse occasioned by its clearing and flowing operations in T 6 R 9 Baxter State Park.”