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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Libby of Camden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, for Development of Revenue-Producing Park Facilities on
Mt. Battie.**

Improvements on Mt. Battie; appropriation for. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$150,000 for the development of park facilities on Mt. Battie, Camden, to be expended by and under the supervision of the State Park Commission with approval of the Governor and Council.

Any balance on July 30, 1956, shall be carried forward to the 1956-57 fiscal year, but any unencumbered balance shall lapse on June 30, 1957.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This road and parking facilities on the summit of Mt. Battie (which is within the boundaries of Camden Hills State Park) will make available to Maine residents and visitors alike a view of Penobscot Bay, its islands and the surrounding countryside which is unmatched on the Atlantic Coast.

A hotel once situated on Mt. Battie and reached by carriage road was destroyed by fire many years ago, and in recent years this scenic splendor has been enjoyed only by those who have hiked up a steep mountain trail.

The attraction of Cadillac Mountain, in Acadia National Park, and the contribution of that equally unique, but markedly different, panorama to that region's popularity as a tourist mecca, demonstrates the value of such facilities to the State of Maine.

The direct return to the State in revenue from operating these facilities will substantially reduce the annual operating cost of Camden Hills State Park. The facilities to be constructed are:

Access Road	\$100,000
Parking Areas	20,000
Concession with toilets, water, etc.	30,000
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	\$150,000