

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth
Legislatures

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

From April 21, 1939 to April 26, 1941
AND MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS

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ORDERS

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Passed by the 90th Legislature That Affect State Agencies After Its Adjournment.

Orders that related only to expediting the business of the legislature and were carried out before the adjournment are omitted.

SMITH DUNNACK,
Revisor of Statutes.

STATE OF MAINE

In Senate, Jan. 1, 1941.

ORDERED, that the Senate rules be amended by adding thereto the following rule:

'A copy of each Senate order requiring action by any department, bureau, commission, board or agency of the state which is passed by both branches of the legislature shall be forwarded to such department, bureau, commission, board or agency by the secretary of the senate immediately after the adjournment for the legislative day in which the order was passed by the concurring branch of the legislature. Another copy of all such orders shall be sent to the Revisor of Statutes, and shall be published in the official volume of the public law.'

Jan. 8, 1941.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that in order that the Records of the Gift by **PERCIVAL PROCTOR BAXTER** to the State of Maine as Trustee in Trust of approximately twelve thousand (12,000) acres in Township four (4), Range nine (9) W. E. L. S. Piscataquis County (**BAXTER STATE PARK**) be complete and in enduring form, the communication dated January eighth, 1941, addressed by said Baxter to HONORABLE SUMNER SEWALL, Governor, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives together with the message of Governor Sewall transmitting the said communication to the Legislature be printed in the Laws of Maine for 1941-42. (S. P. 35)

Finally passed Jan. 9, 1941.

STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Augusta

January 8, 1941.

The Honorable President of the Senate

The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives 90th Legislature

Dear Sir:

I am very happy to transmit herewith a letter along with accompanying act from the Honorable Percival P. Baxter of Portland in which he generously offers another substantial gift of land for park purposes.

Baxter State Park, including Mt. Katahdin, now comprises 23,000 acres. With the acceptance of this latest donation, if the 90th Legislature votes this action, the total area of the park will be 35,000 acres. Additional land already acquired and to be conveyed to the State at a later time will increase the size of this park to approximately 100,000 acres.

The thoughtfulness, vision and action through which Mr. Baxter has undertaken to make this vast acre forever available to us and to our children commands deep appreciation and gratitude. It will long be remembered by the people of Maine.

I recommend the acceptance of this gift.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) SUMNER SEWALL,
Governor.

Portland, Maine, January 8, 1941.

To—

Honorable Sumner Sewall, Governor, and

Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninetieth Legislature—

In furtherance of my ambition to create an extensive State Park in the forest regions of Maine for the benefit of the People of Maine of today and tomorrow, I have acquired and still am acquiring, certain areas of wild forest land in the mountainous region of Katahdin.

From time to time I have deeded and conveyed to the State of Maine

as Trustee in Trust, certain of these areas and I now desire to donate and convey to the State twelve thousand (12,000) acres more or less in township 4 range 9, Piscataquis County. This township is called Traveler Town for within its boundaries is located Traveler Mountain 4,000 feet in height, together with several other peaks of lesser altitude. Moreover in the heart of this township is located a complete set of camps available for tourists and mountain climbers. Probably there is no section of Maine where there is a larger population of moose and bear than in this Traveler Town; it is one of the wildest portions of our State. I am informed that in this township there are sections on the slopes of Traveler Mountain that never have been touched by the axe of Man.

This gift if accepted and added to the areas already conveyed gives the State approximately 35,000 acres of wild forest land including Mount Katahdin. Other land, 64,000 acres in extent, already acquired by me make a total area of 99,255 acres for this park and this later will be donated to the State. In case of my decease provision has been made to carry out my plan to complete this park project. In order that certain lines may be straightened out and certain gaps filled I am endeavoring to acquire still other land in this interesting region later to be added to the 99,255 acres herein referred to.

In offering to you this conveyance and deed of gift, I am confident that if you accept it in Trust for the People of Maine that the Trust therein created never will be violated by the People of the Sovereign State of Maine. Therefore, I now present to you an Act of Acceptance and request your Excellency and your Honorable Bodies to approve and accept this gift and conveyance to the State as Trustee in Trust for the People of Maine.

Respectfully,

(Signed) PERCIVAL PROCTOR BAXTER.

February 27, 1941.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the State Highway Commission be and hereby is authorized and directed to expend not to exceed \$25,000 from the highway maintenance fund, Appropriation 9055, for matching federal funds for the construction of defense highways with the provision that the maintenance fund shall be reimbursed from the general highway fund, Appropriation 9010, within the present fiscal year. (S. P. 474)

Finally passed, Feb. 28, 1941.

April 3, 1941.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee make a study of the subject of Merit Rating as it applies to unemployment compensation, and make such recommendations to the next regular session or any intervening special session of the Legislature as it deems advisable for the improvement of the Maine law on the subject matter. (S. P. 529)

Finally passed Apr. 4, 1941.

House, April 22, 1941.

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be instructed to investigate all actions of the State Tax Assessor relative to valuations of shore lands in unorganized territory taken under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 12 and Section 37 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes. (H. P. 1929)

Finally passed April 23, 1941.