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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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to
The State of Maine

Portland, Maine
March 1, 1965

His Excellency John H. Reed
Governor of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Governor Reed:

Without doubt you are familiar with what has been done in the creation of Baxter State Park in the Katahdin region.

Beginning with my communication of March 3, 1931 addressed to Honorable William T. Gardiner, Governor, the State has accepted from me by Legislative Acts totaling 201,018 acres of forest land, forever to be held in TRUST for Public Park, Public Recreational and for Public Forestry purposes the same forever to be kept in its Natural Wild State. These areas from year to year have been conveyed by me to the State and have been accepted in legal form by the several Governors and Legislatures in office during the period from 1930 to 1963.

You are also familiar with my wish to share with the State in part the cost of caring for, protecting and operating said area of land in accordance with the conditions in the several acts of the Legislature accepting said gifts as recorded in the Laws of Maine 1930-1963.

To in part carry out my desire to share with the State in part the cost of caring for, protecting and operating said area of land in accordance with the conditions in the several acts of the Legislature accepting said gifts as recorded in the Laws of Maine 1930-1963, I offered to the State and the State accepted from me a gift of one thousand (1000) shares of the capital stock of Proprietors of Portland Pier, a Maine corporation, the assets of which consisted of municipal bonds, corporation shares and cash to the value of \$488,942.64 as of December 31, 1960. For reference to this gift, see Laws of Maine (1961), Chapter 21, page 766.

It is my desire to make a further gift to the State of Maine to be added to Baxter State Park Trust Fund as created by Laws of Maine (1961), Chapter 21, and administered in accordance with the terms and provisions of said Baxter State Park Trust Fund; and to that end I now offer as an additional gift to the State of Maine one thousand (1000) shares of the capital stock of Congress Realty Company of which I am the sole owner, and being all the outstanding shares of stock of said corporation, all taxes paid, free from all claims and encumbrances, and said Congress Realty Company is the owner of municipal bonds, corporation shares and cash to the value of \$1,106,213.42.

I have caused to be prepared a legislative act with an emergency preamble, which I enclose, and have requested my friend and attorney, John E. Willey, to present this letter with enclosure to you in my behalf.

With kind personal regards, I remain as ever

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) PERCIVAL P. BAXTER