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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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MEMORIALS

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-NINE

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO REVISE THE
PRESENT SYSTEM OF ADMINISTERING FEDERAL GRANTS

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred Fourth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the Federal Government's preeminence in the income tax field has led to a greater need for unrestrictive sharing of such revenue with state and local governments by means other than its complex system of categorical grants-in-aid; and

Whereas, the over development of categorical grant-in-aid programs has imposed stringent restrictions and conditions which are contrary to the needs and requirements of this State; and

Whereas, the complexity of federal grant-in-aid programs creates administrative difficulties at the state and local level because of different matching, administrative, planning and reporting requirements; and

Whereas, unless the trend toward restrictive categorical federal grants is reversed, these grants will so entwine themselves that the state's freedom of movement will be significantly inhibited; and

Whereas, there is a need and justification for consolidation, simplification and revision of grant programs which will allow the State and its municipalities more opportunity to express their own initiative and reflect their specific needs and preferences; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, most sincerely recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation designed to consolidate, simplify and revise the existing system by which grants-in-aid are made available to the states by replacing the numerous individual categorical grants with fewer but more flexible tax-sharing programs or block grants which impose no qualifying conditions as to use, thereby restoring to the State and its municipalities the ability to more effectively meet its primary responsibility through the exercise of independent judgment and freedom to determine the needs of its people; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives from this State.

IN SENATE CHAMBER

June 12, 1969

Read and Adopted

Sent Down for Concurrence

Ordered Sent Forthwith

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Read and Adopted

June 13, 1969

In Concurrence

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND
 SIXTY-NINE

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE MAURICE
 H. STANS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, AND THE MAINE
 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO RESTRAIN IMPORTS
 OF FOREIGN FOOTWEAR.

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine of the One Hundred and Fourth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Secretary of Commerce, the Honorable Maurice H. Stans, and the Maine Congressional Delegation, as follows:

Whereas, the footwear manufacturing industry of the State of Maine faces continuing and expanding foreign competition from imports as the result of lower wage scales; and

Whereas, over 28,000 citizens are employed in over 139 factories throughout the State, many of these factories being located in small towns where they supply the major source of income and employment; and

Whereas, imports of leather and vinyl shoes have expanded dramatically from 7.8 million pairs in 1955 to 175 million pairs in 1968, adversely affect our domestic shoe manufacturing industry by curtailing its growth and eliminating many job opportunities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, recommend and urge the Secretary of Commerce and the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine to take appropriate action to promptly restrain the importation of foreign footwear and to provide adequate safeguards which will protect our domestic shoe industry and the citizens it employs; and be it further

Resolved: That copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of Commerce and each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE CHAMBER

Read and Adopted
 June 27, 1969
 Sent Up for Concurrence
 Ordered Sent Forthwith

June 27, 1969
 Read and Adopted
 In Concurrence

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

(H. P. 1295)

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE

JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF HIS EXCELLENCY PERCIVAL P. BAXTER, FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MAINE

Whereas, Thursday, June 12, 1969 marks the passing of former Governor Percival P. Baxter, one of the State of Maine's greatest benefactors; and

Whereas, man is born to die, his works are short lived, buildings crumble, monuments decay, wealth vanishes, but Katahdin in all its glory forever remains the mountain of the people of Maine; and

Whereas, his diligent and patient efforts have provided the people of succeeding generations a living example of what life in Maine was "in the good old days" before the song of the woodsman's axe, and the whine of the power saw was heard in the land; and

Whereas, his generous gifts completing Baxter State Park, which contains in excess of 7 wildland townships or 302 square miles, have been accomplished over a period of 30 years since he left the Governorship; and

Whereas, his departing message as the curtain falls on this Legislative session and his life's work, express his love for the State of Maine, her fair land and fine people, her mountains and forests with the beasts and birds therein, her rugged shores and clear waters, all blessings that God has conferred upon us for which we should be thankful; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Fourth Legislature assembled, inscribe this token of our enduring affection and esteem for his memory and acknowledge the word of this State given by Act passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor is as sacred a pledge and trust of his gifts as man can make, and as time passes the People of Maine will more deeply appreciate this Park and the wisdom of the state never to break these trusts; and be it further

Resolved: That the conscience and soul of Maine further attest to the fine public spirit of his life and benefaction by inscribing this Resolution in the 1969 Laws of Maine.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE CHAMBER

Read and Adopted

June 16, 1969

Sent Up for Concurrence

Ordered Sent Forthwith

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

June 16, 1969

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

(H.P. 1266)