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Resolve, Establishing the Maine Council on Competitiveness.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland,
BENNETT of Oxford, Representative: LANE of Enfield.

2 **Sec. 1. Maine Council on Competitiveness. Resolved:** That there
is established the Maine Council on Competitiveness, referred to
in this resolve as the "council"; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the council consists of
11 members chosen in the following manner.

8 1. The Governor shall appoint 2 members: a member of the
Governor's cabinet and a classified employee of the State.

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12 2. The Legislative Council shall appoint 7 members as
follows:

14 A. A member of the Maine Chamber and Business Alliance;

16 B. A person who has been distinguished as a leader of the
business community in the State and represents small
18 business;

20 C. A representative of a taxpayers' association;

22 D. A certified public accountant with experience in
governmental auditing, accounting and budgeting;

24 E. An attorney who is a member of the Maine State Bar
26 Association;

28 F. A member of a state public employees' union; and

30 G. A member from the private sector.

32 3. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System
shall appoint a faculty member of the University of Maine System
34 with experience in State Government and a record of research in
public administration.

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38 4. The Maine Municipal Association shall appoint an
official from a municipality in the State.

40 The council shall elect a chair from among its members.

42 Appointments must be made within 30 days of enactment of
this resolve; and be it further

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46 **Sec. 3. Responsibilities. Resolved:** That the council has the
following responsibilities:

48 1. Identify and study state governmental activities that
may be in competition with the private sector;

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2 2. Study the desirability and feasibility of contracting
3 for private sector performance of governmental services;

4 3. Identify methods by which members of the public and
5 private sectors can work together to accomplish desirable public
6 policy objectives;

7 4. Identify barriers to making public sector operations
8 more competitive;

9 5. Recommend administrative changes and prepare legislation
10 that will eliminate barriers to privatization and modify state
11 statutes and regulations that impede the private contracting of
12 public services;

13 6. Study the possible impact of privatization on state
14 employees;

15 7. Prepare legislation to establish an ongoing process and
16 entity that will ensure maximum use of privatization and private
17 contracting by State Government, including, but not limited to, a
18 private enterprise review board that can receive petitions of
19 interest from private businesses desiring to provide public
20 services, and petitions from the private sector alleging
21 competition from the public sector; and

22 8. Provide the citizens of the State and members of the
23 private sector an opportunity to give comments on these subjects
24 through conducting public hearings; and be it further

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26 **Sec. 4. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
27 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
28 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
29 Director of the Legislative Council upon making their
30 appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete,
31 the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the
32 first meeting of the council no later than October 1, 1997. The
33 committee shall select a chair from among its members. If the
34 committee requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative
35 Council, which may grant an extension; and be it further

36 **Sec. 5. State Government cooperation. Resolved:** That agencies
37 of State Government shall fully cooperate with the council and
38 its staff in the provision of information and data as may be
39 requested and required to accomplish the council's
40 responsibilities; and be it further

41 **Sec. 6. Staff support. Resolved:** That, subject to
42 appropriation, the council must be provided staff support as
43 needed; and be it further

