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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1700, L.D. 2200, "Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenues and the Job Market"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 18 members as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, with preference given to members who serve on the following committees: the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters; the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over gaming matters; and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, with preference given to members who serve on the following committees: the joint standing committee

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of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic  
development matters; and the joint standing committee of the  
Legislature having jurisdiction over gaming matters. In  
appointing one of the members under this subsection, preference  
must be given to a member who is a tribal representative;

3. Two members of the public in support of a Maine-based  
casino, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one  
appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4. Two members of the public opposed to a Maine-based  
casino, one who should possess some experience, expertise or  
knowledge of the causes, treatment or prevention of problem or  
pathological gambling, the providing of services to assist  
affected individuals and their families or the education of the  
public to increase its awareness of the disorders and available  
gamblers assistance programs appointed by the President of the  
Senate and one who is charged with examining the religious,  
spiritual and moral impacts of casino gambling appointed by the  
Speaker of the House;

5. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee;

6. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

7. A representative of the Maine Association of  
Interdependent Neighborhoods selected by the association, or the  
member's designee;

8. A representative of the Maine Chiefs of Police  
Association selected by the association, or the member's designee;

9. A representative of the Maine Chamber of Commerce  
selected by the chamber, or the member's designee;

10. A representative of the Maine Tourism Association  
selected by the association, or the member's designee;

11. A representative of the Office of Substance Abuse  
within the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services,  
or the member's designee; and

12. The Executive Director of the Maine Harness Racing  
Commission or the executive director's designee.

A quorum is 12 members; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member  
is the Senate chair of the task force and the first named

House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task  
force; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all  
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall  
notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all  
appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after  
appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the  
first meeting of the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall examine  
the following issues concerning a Maine-based casino and perform  
the following duties:

1. Determine the impact of increased vehicular traffic on  
the infrastructure of the State;

2. Verify the amount of estimated revenues produced by a  
casino, net costs of additional social services and the impact of  
those revenues and costs on the State;

3. Estimate the number of new jobs created and lost due to  
the construction and operation of a Maine-based casino;

4. Estimate the need caused by a casino for any new or  
increased services;

5. Identify appropriate locations for a casino if one is to  
be operated in the State;

6. Estimate the impact of a Maine-based casino on municipal  
services, social services, affordable housing, business activity  
and criminal activity within a 50-mile radius of a proposed  
casino and the impact on other forms of gambling that are legally  
conducted in the State; and

7. Survey the various agencies, groups, organizations and  
individuals to determine which agencies, groups, organizations  
and individuals would provide education, assistance and  
counseling to individuals and families experiencing difficulties  
as the result of problem or pathological gambling and to  
determine the necessary funding for those that have demonstrated  
their capacity to efficiently and effectively provide the  
necessary services; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Meetings. Resolved:** That the task force may hold up  
to 4 meetings. One meeting may be a public hearing held in

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the Augusta area; and be it further

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**Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That upon approval of the  
Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and  
be it further

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**Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members  
of the task force are entitled to receive legislative per diem,  
as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and  
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to  
their attendance at meetings of the task force. Public members  
not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities  
that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of  
necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of  
the task force; and be it further

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**Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit a  
report that includes its findings and recommendations to the  
joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
over business and economic development and gaming matters no  
later than November 6, 2002; and be it further

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**Sec. 10. Extension. Resolved:** That, if the task force requires  
a limited extension of time to complete its study and make its  
report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant  
an extension; and be it further

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**Sec. 11. Task force budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the  
task force, with assistance from the task force staff, shall  
administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its  
first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and  
proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The  
task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task  
force's exceeding its approved budget.

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Upon request from the task force, the Executive Director of  
the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee  
shall promptly provide the task force chairs and staff with a  
status report on the study budget, expenditures incurred and paid  
and available funds.' '

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#### FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment removes the General Fund appropriation for  
the Task Force to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino. The  
revised General Fund cost of the task force is estimated to be  
\$6,360 in fiscal year 2002-03. This cost can be absorbed within

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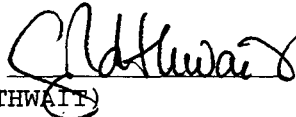
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the Legislature's existing budgeted resources utilizing available  
balance forward from fiscal year 2001-02.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment has been prepared pursuant to action taken by  
the Legislative Council on March 26, 2002.

The amendment changes legislative membership provisions;  
limits the task force to 4 meetings, one of which may be a public  
hearing in the Augusta area; changes the report date; and removes  
the General Fund appropriation.

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