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12 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed
by the Speaker of the House, with preference given to members who
46 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.

14. A quorum is 12 members; and be it further

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

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

4 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
6 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
8 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
10 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 6. Estimate the impact of a Maine-based casino on municipal
34 services, social services, affordable housing, business activity
36 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

38 7. Survey the various agencies, groups, organizations and
40 individuals to determine which agencies, groups, organizations
42 and individuals would provide education, assistance and
counseling to individuals and families experiencing difficulties
44 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

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

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the Augusta area; and be it further

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

8 **Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members
10 of the task force are entitled to receive legislative per diem,
12 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
14 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
16 the task force; and be it further

18 **Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit a
20 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
22 later than November 6, 2002; and be it further

24 **Sec. 10. Extension. Resolved:** That, if the task force requires
26 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

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

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

42 **FISCAL NOTE**

44 This amendment removes the General Fund appropriation for
46 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
48 \$6,360 in fiscal year 2002-03. This cost can be absorbed within

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

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SUMMARY

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

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

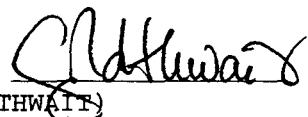
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