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House of Representatives, March 21, 2002

**Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy,
Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenues and the Job Market.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senator SHOREY of Washington and
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, COLLINS of Wells, DUGAY of
Cherryfield, JONES of Greenville, McKENNEY of Cumberland, SHERMAN of Hodgdon,
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

6 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of 14 members as follows:

8 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
the Senate;

10 2. Four members of the House of Representatives, one of
12 whom must be a tribal representative, appointed by the Speaker of
the House;

14 3. Four members of the public, 2 each appointed by the
16 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives;

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

20 5. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

22 6. A member of the Maine Sheriffs' Association, selected by
24 the association, or the member's designee; and

26 7. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's
designee; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member
30 is the Senate chair of the task force and the first named House
of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force;
32 and be it further

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

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

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

48 2. Verify the amount of estimated revenues produced by a
50 casino and the impact of those revenues on the State;

2 3. Estimate the number of new jobs realized by the
construction and operation of a Maine-based casino; and

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6 4. Estimate the need caused by a casino for any new or
increased services; and be it further

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

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14 **Sec. 7. 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
16 reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to
their attendance at meetings of the task force. Public members
18 not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities
that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of
20 necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of
the task force; and be it further

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24 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit
its report that includes its findings and recommendations,
including suggested legislation, to the First Regular Session of
26 the 121st Legislature no later than January 2, 2003. The task
force is authorized to introduce legislation related to its
28 report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature at
the time of submission of its report; and be it further

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32 **Sec. 9. 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
34 an extension; and be it further

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

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

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SUMMARY

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This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study the Impact
of a Maine-based Casino. The task force is comprised of
6 Legislators, including a tribal representative, the Attorney
General, the Chief of State Police, the Commissioner of
8 Transportation, a member of the Maine Sheriffs' Association and
members of the public. The task force is charged with estimating
10 the impact of a casino based in Maine upon employment, the
transportation infrastructure the State's economy and the State's
12 revenues.