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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 227

In Senate, February 12, 2019

**Resolve, To Require an Independent Analysis of the Department of
Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, DOW of Lincoln, FARRIN of
Somerset, Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, VEROW of Brewer.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** it is necessary that this resolve take effect immediately to provide timely
4 analysis of the Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project; and

5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **Sec. 1. Project suspended. Resolved:** That, unless otherwise authorized by the
10 Legislature, the Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project may not
11 continue until 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 129th
12 Legislature.

13 **Sec. 2. Independent analysis required. Resolved:** That the Legislature,
14 through the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, shall select and contract with a
15 nongovernmental entity to perform an independent analysis of the Department of
16 Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project.

17 The entity selected by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation must
18 determine the public interest costs and benefits of the project, evaluate the cost and
19 benefit assumptions that currently underlie the project and assess the concerns of local
20 communities directly affected by the project. The entity shall provide a final report,
21 including a recommendation to continue or terminate the project, to the Joint Standing
22 Committee on Transportation no later than April 19, 2019.

23 The entity selected by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may not have
24 a direct commercial interest in the project.

25 **Sec. 3. Joint standing committee authorized to report out legislation.**
26 **Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out a bill,
27 based on the analysis and recommendations contained in the report submitted pursuant to
28 section 2, to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature authorizing the
29 Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project to continue.

30 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
31 appropriations and allocations are made.

32 **LEGISLATURE**

33 **Legislature 0081**

34 Initiative: Appropriates funds on a one-time basis to the Legislature to enter into a
35 contract with a nongovernmental entity to perform an independent analysis of the
36 Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project.

