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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**Joint Resolution Relating to Policy for the University of Maine.**

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Whereas, the University of Maine has been for long in fact an agency and instrumentality of the State of Maine and was expressly declared to be such by the Legislature in 1945; and

Whereas, under the terms of its charter and supplementary legislation relating thereto the Board of Trustees has and ought to have discretionary powers in the determination of policy and disposition of funds; and

Whereas, in recent years the University has received no express instructions from the Legislature except as may be implied by the measure of its financial support by the State; and

Whereas, the University has recently expanded greatly its enrollment and facilities in order to provide for the education of veterans; and

Whereas, its Board of Trustees in planning the program and plant of the University needs to know the disposition of the Legislature with respect to the State's long-term policy in higher education and the obligations which the University may be expected to assume therein; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, as an expression of the opinion of this Ninety-Third Legislature to guide but not to bind as by law the Board of Trustees,

1. That the Board of Trustees should plan for a normal enrollment of 2,500 students, of which not less than 1,800 should be men and not more than 700 women, with not more than 20% of the total enrollment in students from outside of Maine;
2. That the requirements for admission should reflect a policy of selection of students outstanding in demonstrated ability, character and diligence, to the end that admission may be a recognition of demonstrated merit and superiority in these qualities, rather than by the mere meeting of minimum scholastic grades in specified subjects;
3. That the tuition paid by Maine students should be approximately half the cost per student in instruction plus administration costs, and that the tuition paid by students from outside of Maine should be approximately two-thirds of such costs; provided however that tuition should be rebated in whole or in part to Maine students selected as worthy of admission but unable to pay, to the extent of the amount derived from the extra tuition paid by out-of-state students;
4. That the University should operate its own contributory system for the pensioning of retired faculty members and other employees, with a scale of retirement allowances approximately equal to those paid by the State to its comparable employees, and that such system should not compel the participation of employees.