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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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MEMORIALS
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

*Joint Resolution Protesting the Proposed Closing of the National
Marine Fisheries Services at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.*

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine of the One Hundred and Sixth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as follows:

Whereas, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency has summarily and publicly announced the intention of permanently closing the National Marine Fisheries Services facility at Boothbay Harbor on or before July 1st of this year; and

Whereas, this incredible decision comes at a time when our commercial fisheries need the scientific capabilities that this, the only "cold water" fishery facility in the Nation can provide; and

Whereas, should budget cuts become necessary they should be planned and apportioned equally among all fisheries research centers rather than arbitrary closure and the accompanying financial burdens to the State; and

Whereas, the maintenance and development of this fishery research center at Boothbay Harbor is vital to the future overall economic development of the northeast; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, do hereby respectfully protest said closure and request the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency to cease and desist in its efforts to close the said facilities; and be it further

Resolved: That the Members of the United States Congress for the State of Maine are hereby urgently requested to use every possible means to cause the decision to close said facilities to be reversed; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Frederick B. Dent, Secretary of Commerce; and to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

January 16, 1973

Ordered Sent Forthwith

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

January 17, 1973

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF
HIS EXCELLENCY HARRY S. TRUMAN,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

Whereas, the flags of our republic were lowered in deep sorrow on December 26, 1972, with the passing of the late Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States of America; and

Whereas, he is remembered as a "common man" who employed a "give 'em hell" technique to advance his conception of the President as champion of "the people;" and

Whereas, his achievements are too numerous to account but few will forget the Truman Doctrine, the Fair Deal, the Berlin Airlift, the close of World War II, the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the establishment of the United Nations and the blessed defense of Western Civilization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: in concurrence, that when We, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the 106th Legislature of the State of Maine adjourn this day, we do so in honor and out of respect to his memory; and be it further

Resolved: that a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed and attested on our behalf by our presiding officers, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
Sent up for Concurrence
January 17, 1973
E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
January 18, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 192

Attest: _____
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Attest: _____
President of the Senate

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF HIS EXCELLENCY
LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas, a saddened nation mourns the passing of the late Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States; and

Whereas, he is remembered as a man of compassion, courage and humility who rose by his philosophy of "come, let us reason together" from a teacher in a small Texas town to become leader of the world's greatest nation; and

Whereas, he will be remembered as a leader in the struggle to make all men equal before the law; and for his programs to make the government benefit all of the people; and for his efforts to eliminate illiteracy, to provide a decent environment to erase hunger and to give a new start to people suffering from poverty in the land of plenty; and

Whereas, he sought a Great Society where the American ideals of equality and justice would become a reality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: in concurrence, that when We, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the 106th Legislature of the State of Maine adjourn this day, we do so in honor and out of respect to his memory; and be it further

Resolved: that a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed and attested on our behalf by our presiding officers, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
January 22, 1973
Sent up for Concurrence
E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
January 24, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

Attest:
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Attest:
President of the Senate

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE SECOND INAUGURAL OF RICHARD M. NIXON

Whereas, on the 20th day of January, 1973, Richard M. Nixon will be inaugurated for a second term as President of these United States of America; and

Whereas, the people of this nation through a free and open election process have clearly placed their faith, trust and confidence in Richard M. Nixon; and

Whereas, all Americans sincerely pray that the next four years be years filled with peace in the world and prosperity at home; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That, We, the Members of the 106th Legislature of the great and sovereign State of Maine, now assembled, extend our heartiest congratulations to President Richard M. Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew on the occasion of their second inauguration; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly attested copy of this Resolution be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the Chief Executive of these United States in honor of the occasion.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
Sent up for Concurrence
January 17, 1973

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
In Concurrence

January 18, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE
RICHARD M. NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
TO ABOLISH THE OIL IMPORT QUOTA

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Sixth Legislative Session now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, as follows:

Whereas, the Oil Import Administration was established by presidential proclamation on March 10, 1959 to adjust imports of petroleum and petroleum products into the United States; and

Whereas, the Oil Import Administration, acting in conjunction with an Oil Import Appeals Board, discharges the responsibilities imposed upon the Secretary of the Interior for regulating oil imports; and

Whereas, the purposes for which these functions were originally established, such as the interests of national security, have become hollow in meaning and lacking any current relevance; and

Whereas, major burdens have been placed on both industry and consumers through high prices and shortages pursuant to oil import policies which can no longer be tolerated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, hereby protest continued federal interference with price and supply of oil imports which are so vital to the economy of the northern states; and be it further

Resolved: That we recommend to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, that appropriate action be immediately taken to abolish all oil import regulation, administration and control which has been carried on under the guise of national security to the detriment of certain states, the State of Maine being but one of those states affected; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States and to the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
Sent up for Concurrence
January 22, 1973
E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
January 24, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF PEACE WITH HONOR IN VIET NAM

Whereas, the President of the United States has announced the successful negotiated conclusion of the Viet Nam conflict; and

Whereas, the final agreement enabling return of prisoners and troops and establishing peace with honor will be signed on Saturday, January 27, 1973; and

Whereas, the People of Maine share with their fellow Americans a sense of profound and prayerful thanks that United States military involvement in Viet Nam has been concluded in an honorable manner; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Sixth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled, take this opportunity to commend the efforts of President Richard M. Nixon, Dr. Henry Kissinger and those in the service of our Federal Government who have successfully secured an honorable end to this conflict and, hopefully, the beginning of a generation of peace throughout the world; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution duly authenticated by the Secretary of State be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, the National Security Advisor to the President and to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
Ordered Sent Forthwith
January 24, 1973

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
In Concurrence

January 30, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

In Senate, February 8, 1973

Whereas, federal support for the operation of the Boothbay Harbor Fisheries Research Station is being withdrawn and the station closed; and

Whereas, the future health, prosperity and welfare of the people of Maine is irrevocably tied to the increased development of our marine resources, the pursuit of knowledge of marine biology, and the establishment of improved aquacultural procedures including the improved commercial harvesting of herring, lobster and other commercial fish; and

Whereas, the pressures of foreign fishing off the Maine coast are creating grave new problems for our fishermen and are causing increased concern that Maine must do more rather than less in marine research; and

Whereas, the University of Maine, through its Darling Center at Walpole, is pursuing the status of a Sea Grant Institution, and in partnership with the Boothbay Harbor Fisheries Research Station, the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, TRIGOM, Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and the thousands of Maine people who earn their livelihood from the sea need to be formed into a cohesive force to bring Maine into the forefront as a national leader in the harvesting of the resources of the sea; and

Whereas, the loss of the Boothbay Harbor Fisheries Research Station would be a serious blow to the realization of the aspirations of Maine people; and

Whereas, the Maine Legislature is deeply concerned by the foregoing; now, therefore, be it

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries is directed to forward our concern to the appropriate agencies of the Federal Government and to pursue forthwith all avenues which might result in the advantageous leasing of the Boothbay Harbor Fisheries Research Station to the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries so that the benefits thereof might continue to accrue to the people of Maine, said leasing to provide either for the operation of the facility unilaterally by the Department or in partnership with the Federal Government; and be it further

Ordered, that all state departments and the University of Maine cooperate fully with the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries in the implementation of this Order; and be it further

Ordered, that the Commissioner report back his findings and recommendations with all due haste to the 106th Legislature, and be it further

Ordered, that suitable copies of this Order be transmitted forthwith to said Commissioner and members of the Maine Congressional Delegation as notice of our request.

In Senate Chamber
 Read and Passed
 Ordered Sent Forthwith
February 8, 1973
 HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
 Secretary

House of Representatives
 Read and Passed
 In Concurrence
February 12, 1973
 E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
 Clerk

S. P. 255

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE ELMER T. KLASSEN, POSTMASTER GENERAL AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR RESTORATION OF MAINE POSTAL SERVICE

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Regular Session of the One Hundred and Sixth Legislative Session now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Honorable Elmer T. Klassen, Postmaster General and the United States Congress as follows:

Whereas, Postal service in the State of Maine has greatly deteriorated as the result of suspension of highway post-office service and the institution of central sorting; and

Whereas, the altered service has seriously impaired communication between rural communities, particularly, imposing new handicaps upon rural enterprise and interfering with historic geographic relationships between neighboring towns; and

Whereas, for a generation, Federal and State leaders have urged the dispersal of overcrowded population and commercial activities of urban to rural areas, while new policies of the postal service continue to concentrate employment and enterprise in urban centers; and

Whereas, an efficient postal service with prompt delivery into and out of rural areas as well as between rural points is essential to the social well-being, cultural improvement and economic health of rural Maine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, hereby record our dissatisfaction with the existing postal service afforded the Citizens of this State, and respectfully urge and petition said Postmaster General and the Congress of the United States, to take appropriate action to bring the United States Postal Service into conformity with other federal policies aimed at the preservation of rural life and to restore those standards of efficiency, economy and level of postal services in the State of Maine which previously prevailed; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Postmaster General of the United States, to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the Members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State.

In Senate Chamber
 Read and Accepted
 Sent Down for Concurrence
 February 8, 1973
 HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
 Secretary

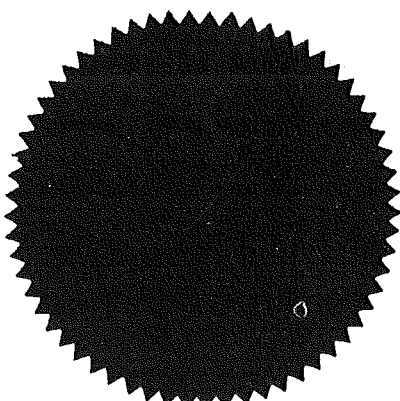
House of Representatives
 Read and Accepted
 In Concurrence
 February 12, 1973
 E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
 Clerk

S. P. 83

United States of America
State of Maine
Office of Secretary of State

I, JOSEPH T. EDGAR, Secretary of State of the State of Maine, and custodian of the seal of said State, do hereby certify:

That I have carefully compared the annexed copy of the JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE ELMER T. KLASSEN, POSTMASTER GENERAL AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR RESTORATION OF MAINE POSTAL SERVICE, and that it is a full, true and complete transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.



In Testimony Whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. GIVEN under my hand at Augusta, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and in the one hundred and ninety-seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

.....
 Secretary of State

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO ABORTION

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Sixth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, medically and scientifically a human embryo or fetus exists as a living and growing human individual from the moment of conception; and

Whereas, the moment of birth represents merely an identifiable point along the course of human development and not the beginning of human life; and

Whereas, respect for human life has been a hallmark of civilized society for millennia; and

Whereas, the Maine Legislature has supported and shown concern for the life of the unborn child by rejecting all attempts to liberalize, modify or change the State's abortion law; and

Whereas, the United States Supreme Court by decision has ruled against the unborn; and

Whereas, the Maine Legislature wishes to establish and define the rights of the unborn; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: By your Memorialists, that the United States Congress propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to read:

1. As used in the Fifth and Fourteenth Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, dealing with the deprivation of life, the word "person" shall apply to every human being regardless of the stage of his biological development.
2. Nothing herein shall prohibit any state from adopting such laws as are necessary to preserve the life of the expectant mother.
3. Congress and the several states shall have the power to enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation; and be it further

Resolved: That certified copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and to the Legislatures of each of the several states attesting the adoption of this resolution by the One Hundred and Sixth Legislature of the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Adopted as Amended by
House Amendment "A"

February 28, 1973

Sent up for Concurrence

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

As Amended by
House Amendment "A"

March 1, 1973

In Concurrence

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 857

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO OBTAIN A FULL ACCOUNTING OF POW'S AND MIA'S

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Sixth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the President and Congress of the United States, as follows:

Whereas, the North Vietnamese and their allies have not as agreed, satisfactorily accounted for all prisoners of war or persons missing in action; and

Whereas, the recent list of 555 prisoners of war released by North Viet Nam in response to agreement, does not include names of 56 known prisoners of war and is considered no more accurate than their earlier lists; and

Whereas, the United States Government has received the names of only 7 of 317 servicemen known to be missing in Laos; and

Whereas, the tragedy of leaving American prisoners behind previously experienced in Korea must not be repeated; and

Whereas, approximately 1,400 families must not be abandoned to live in torturous anxiety as to the whereabouts of their loved ones; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the President and Congress of the United States to consider the feeling of this State expressed in the foregoing preamble as well as those of the Nation and to do everything within their power to obtain a satisfactory and complete accounting of all prisoners of war and persons missing in action; and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit forthwith suitable copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the United States Congress and to the Members of said Senate and House of Representatives from the State of Maine.

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
February 22, 1973
Sent down for Concurrence
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
As Amended by
House Amendment "B"
March 1, 1973
Sent up for Concurrence
E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Senate Receded and Concurred
March 5, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

S. P. 340

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION TO THE
HONORABLE MARGARET CHASE SMITH
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
STATE OF MAINE

Whereas, the State of Maine was faithfully served in Washington by Margaret Chase Smith of Skowhegan for thirty-three years in the United States House of Representatives and in the United States Senate; and

Whereas, Senator Smith is the only woman to serve in both houses of Congress, the only woman to be elected to four full Senate terms, and the first woman to have her name placed in nomination for President at a national convention of a major political party; and

Whereas, Margaret Chase Smith has worked tirelessly to serve her fellow citizens in this State and has faithfully devoted herself to the representation of her constituents and her nation by careful deliberation, by her record attendance, and by the sponsorship and support of wise legislation; and

Whereas, she rose to leadership positions on the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences, Appropriations, and Armed Services Committees and as chairman of the Republican Senators' Conference; and

Whereas, Senator Smith has brought credit to herself and honor to her State through her Declaration of Conscience speeches in 1950 and 1970 and by her independent and forthright stands on the issues of the day; and

Whereas, this daughter of Maine has won the respect of the people and the leaders of the Nation and of the world and has won a special measure of devotion in the hearts of the citizens of her native State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That in order to express its pride and appreciation, the 106th Legislature of the State of Maine extends to Margaret Chase Smith congratulations on her unparalleled record of service and best wishes for the future; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Resolution, properly attested, be sent by the Secretary of State to Margaret Chase Smith in Washington, D. C.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
Sent up for Concurrence
March 27, 1973

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
March 28, 1973

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 1286

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO REDUCED OR
SUBSTITUTE TELEGRAPH SERVICE AT AUGUSTA,
THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE STATE OF MAINE

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Sixth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Federal Communications Commission and all appropriate divisions thereof, as follows; and

Whereas, the Western Union Telegraph Company applied on March 8, 1973, to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to discontinue its present Class 1 teleprinter-operated office on Water Street, Augusta, with substitute service to be provided by Depot News, Water Street, Augusta; and

Whereas, the adequacy of such service is of vital concern to Maine citizens with Augusta being the seat of State and County Government, and containing the main offices of Central Maine Power Company, Federal agencies and Veterans Administration; and

Whereas, the existing Class 1 office at Augusta is an experienced, competent and confidential operation, all of which may be lost through substitute service of lesser class; and

Whereas, the Legislature utilizes and depends upon this service, both for outgoing and incoming messages, with particular emphasis on the latter; and

Whereas, closure of the present office will have serious impact on the ability of such Departments of Transportation and Motor Vehicles to promptly and economically receive or transmit by telegram vital information; and

Whereas, in addition to uncooperative clerks receiving incoming telegrams, there is a considerable time lag in delivery of telegrams using the Centralized Telephone Bureau of Western Union at Moorestown, New Jersey as proposed; and

Whereas, the Federal Communications Commission approves or disapproves applications of this nature and considers all relevant opinions in reviewing said application; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Federal Communications Commission and all applicable divisions thereof to take immediate and appropriate action to dismiss application No. T-D-20042-A now before the Domestic Services and Facilities Division of the Commission and to continue the existing Class 1 telegraph service in the Capital City of Augusta, Maine at its present location and level; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to said Commission and Division of the United States Government at Washington, D. C.

Out Of Order

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

April 18, 1973

Sent up for Concurrence

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

April 19, 1973

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 1445

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
THE HONORABLE DR. ROBERT M. WHITE,
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO DECLARE THE NORTHERN
LOBSTER A CREATURE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Sixth Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Honorable Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as follows:

Whereas, a policy committee of State-Federal Marine Resource Management, consisting of high ranking federal and state fisheries directors, agreed last year on regulations which should be uniform, but the agreement hinged completely on the Federal Government's declaring the lobster a creature of the continental shelf, and

Whereas, Dr. Robert M. White, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has decided not to declare the northern lobster a creature of the continental shelf for the purpose of negotiation with foreign countries at the forthcoming 1974 Law of the Sea Conference; and

Whereas, this political decision was contrary to the wishes of 11 lobster producing states; Maine being the largest, the offshore lobstermen and the East Coast fishing industry in general and will curtail any future progress of the State-Federal partnership under the National Marine Fisheries Services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Honorable Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reconsider his recent action whereby he did not declare the northern lobster a creature of the continental shelf, thus providing for United States ownership of this resource and to cause this decision to be reversed in favor of uniform regulations, including limited foreign entry under the State-Federal Partnership Program as earlier agreed; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to said Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
April 25, 1973
 Sent up for Concurrence
 Ordered Sent Forthwith
 E. LOUISE LINCOLN,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
 In Concurrence
April 26, 1973
 HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
 Secretary

H. P. 1459

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE
 UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE UNITED STATES
 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION 200
 MILES SEAWARD FROM ITS BOUNDARIES

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Sixth Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, Maine fishermen are currently losing the livelihood of generations through federal failure to control excessive foreign fishing off the coast; and

Whereas, Federal negotiations at the "law of the sea" conference even if successful will take 6 to 10 years to ratify and implement leaving little or no protection during the interim; and

Whereas, this inaction has prompted the Maine Legislature to declare Maine's fisheries management jurisdiction 200 miles seaward from its boundaries or to the edge of the continental shelf; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States must act now to extend United States fisheries management jurisdiction beyond 12 miles to the 200-mile limit before fishing stocks are exhausted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to use every possible means at its command to extend the fisheries management jurisdiction of the United States without interfering with Canada 200 miles seaward or to the edge of the continental shelf and thus reduce the chances of certain depletion of fishing stocks by over-fishing; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State.

House of Representatives
Read and Adopted
June 26, 1973
Sent up for Concurrence
E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber
Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
June 28, 1973
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary