

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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INITIATED BILLS

**REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY THE
114TH LEGISLATURE AND
APPROVED AT REFERENDA**

State of Maine

To the 114th Legislature of the State of Maine:

In accordance with Section 18 of Article IV, Part Third of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the undersigned electors of the State of Maine, qualified to vote for Governor, residing in said State, whose names have been certified, hereby respectfully propose to the Legislature for its consideration the following entitled resolutions:

“A Resolution regarding the Testing of Cruise Missiles in Maine”

The full text of said resolution is printed on page two of this petition.

Do you favor stopping Cruise Missile Tests in Maine?

WHEREAS, the Federal Government plans to begin the testing of sea-launched Cruise missiles in Maine during the autumn of 1988 and continue such testing indefinitely into the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, the 2,800 pound missiles will fly at an altitude of 500 feet along most of the 295-mile path, beginning at the Maine coast near Ellsworth, passing near Shin Pond, the border of Baxter State Park, and within 15 miles of Millinocket, and ending in the Rangeley area; and

WHEREAS, the plan to test Cruise missiles over Maine has drawn criticism from aviators, sportsmen, environmentalists, and residents near the flight path because of problems associated with low altitude of the missiles: the high volume of seaplane landings in the Shin Pond area; the increased noise levels which will have a negative impact for both residents and tourists; the risk of private aircraft flying in a missile's flight path; and possible harmful consequences as a result of a crash, including the potential loss of life and property, fires caused by spilled fuel and the resulting impact on the State's environment, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government's plan to test Cruise missiles has apparently not been coordinated with projects from other federal agencies, including the Army's recent plans to expand a military training flight route over northern Maine, which would include the enlargement of an existing low-level training route from 10 to 20 miles in width; and

WHEREAS, the sea-launched Cruise missile is currently a major obstacle to completing a strategic arms reduction treaty because it is difficult to verify; and

WHEREAS, the sea-launched Cruise missile is undermining the completed Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, because by deploying the missile off the shores of Europe, it simply replaces the weapons scheduled for dismantlement; and

WHEREAS, the scheduled deployment of 4,000 sea-launched Cruise missiles, at a cost of \$1.5 million each, increases the likelihood of nuclear war because of their deadly accuracy and capability to elude radar; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is the elected statewide official most responsible for protecting the interests of Maine and representing the sentiment of its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the people of Maine do not wish their state to participate in the testing of Cruise missiles and hereby call upon the Governor to intervene with the Federal Government to stop the testing of Cruise missiles in Maine.

Effective Date December 27, 1989.

STATE OF MAINE

To the 114th Legislature of the State of Maine:

In accordance with Section 18 of Article IV, Part third of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the undersigned elector of the State of Maine, qualified to vote for Governor, residing in Maine, whose name has been certified, hereby respectfully proposes to the legislature for its consideration the following entitled bill: An Act to Amend the Sunday Sales Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: