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Sec. 2. Accurate signs for the Sunday River ski area. Resolved: That the Maine Turnpike Authority is directed to change signs located on the south portion of the Maine Turnpike to accurately reflect access to the Sunday River ski area by way of turnpike exits 11 and 12.

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CHAPTER 22

H.P. 1142 - L.D. 1607

Resolve, to Name the New Bangor-Brewer Replacement Bridge

Sec. 1. New Bangor-Brewer replacement bridge named. Resolved: That the new Bangor-Brewer replacement bridge be known as the Penobscot Bridge, followed by that name in parenthesis in the official language of the Penobscot Nation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 23

H.P. 266 - L.D. 330

Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Microenterprise Needs

Sec. 1. Entrepreneurship needs. Resolved: That, by October 1, 1997, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters and to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council on the needs of entrepreneurship in Maine, the demand for microloans, the services offered by microenterprise programs in the State and the types of initiatives available to enhance small business activity. The report must contain recommendations from the department.

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CHAPTER 24

H.P. 775 - L.D. 1052

Resolve, Establishing a Task Force to Examine the Desirability of a Model Municipal Building Code

Sec. 1. Task force created; duties. Resolved: That there is established the Task Force to Study the Desirability of a Model Municipal Building Code, referred to in this resolve as the "task force." In order to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the desirability and feasibility of establishing a model municipal building code in this State, the task force shall study existing state standards and procedures, including State Fire Marshal review, life safety codes, building energy standards and access requirements; similar codes used in other states; any past efforts to establish such a code in the State; existing and proposed insurance industry standards rating the effectiveness of municipal building codes and their administration; and options for using existing building codes, such as the National Building Code and Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA), in designing a model municipal building code. The task force shall carefully consider the great diversity of need and capacity that exists among the State's rural and urban municipalities. The task force shall present its findings to the Governor and Legislature and may make recommendations, including recommendations for legislative changes; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following 11 members:

1. State agencies. The Director of the State Planning Office or the director's designee and the State Fire Marshal or the fire marshal's designee;

2. Municipal agencies and officials. The Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association or the executive director's designee and the President of the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association or the president's designee;

3. Private individuals. The Executive Director of the Associated General Contractors of Maine or the director's designee, the President of the Consulting Engineers of Maine or the president's designee, the President of the Home Builders Association of Maine or the president's designee, the President of the Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects or the president's designee and 3 members of the public appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be knowledgeable in property and casualty insurance issues; and

4. Chair. The member representing the State Planning Office shall chair the task force.

All appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Meetings. Resolved: That the task force may meet as often as necessary, at the call of the chair; and be it further