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gate various methods of providing toll-free telephone access to offices that process claims for unemployment compensation and shall determine the cost of the various methods. The department shall provide cost information for providing such access to the areas of the State with higher than average unemployment and for providing such access to the entire State. The department shall report this information to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor not later than November 15, 1999. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out legislation in response to this information to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 26

S.P. 444 - L.D. 1319

**Resolve, to Direct the Governor to
Establish a Commission to
Recommend to the Governor
Candidate Designs for the Maine
State Quarter to be Submitted to the
United States Mint**

Sec. 1. Establishment of commission. Resolved: That the Governor shall establish a commission composed of 7 public members to recommend to the Governor candidate designs for the Maine state quarter to be submitted to the United States Mint pursuant to the United States Mint 50 State Quarters Program, referred to in this resolve as the "program." The commission shall establish guidelines and procedures to disseminate to the public information concerning the program including the United States Secretary of the Treasury's design criteria and to solicit candidate designs from the public. The commission shall review the candidate designs submitted by the public and shall recommend candidate designs to the Governor to assist the Governor in choosing candidate designs to submit to the United States Mint.

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CHAPTER 27

H.P. 1007 - L.D. 1418

**Resolve, to Direct the Maine
Agricultural Experiment Station to
Conduct a Pilot Project on Blueberry
Cultivation in the St. John River
Valley**

Sec. 1. Pilot project to study the cultivation of blueberries along the St. John River Valley. Resolved: That the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall develop a pilot project to study the feasibility of cultivating wild blueberries as a crop along the St. John River Valley between Allagash and Caswell. The director shall meet with landowners in the area interested in participating in a pilot project. Working with interested landowners, the director shall use resources available to the experiment station to assess suitability of soils and response to burning as a cultivation technique. The director shall seek grant money from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and other appropriate sources to conduct the pilot project; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2000 on progress in securing funds and developing the pilot project.

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CHAPTER 28

H.P. 1473 - L.D. 2113

**Resolve, Directing the Department of
Human Services to Conduct a
Review of Certain Reimbursement
Rates under the Medicaid Program**

Sec. 1. Review of certain reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall conduct a review of the reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, language pathology and audiology services; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 31, 1999 on its review of reimbursement rates for occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, language pathology and audiology services and shall include recommendations for action.

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