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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 489 / SP0196

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment. Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearing 03/08/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/28/21. Amended by: CA S-53. Carried Over: 07/19/21. Final Disposition: Died On Adjournment 05/09/22.

**Original Bill**

[LD 489 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-0489.pdf

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(ENR\) \(03/08/2021\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(ENR\) \(03/17/2021\)](#)

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-0053\) \(LD 489 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[SENATE, March 10, 2021 \(S-81-184\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 30, 2021 \(H-143-199\)](#)

p. H-174

[HOUSE, April 28, 2021 \(H-200-258\)](#)

p. H-251 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) S-53)

[SENATE, April 28, 2021 \(S-385-471\)](#)

p. S-418 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) S-53)

[HOUSE, May 19, 2021 \(H-259-323\)](#)

p. H-261 (Amendment(s) S-53)

[HOUSE, July 19, 2021 \(H-956-990\)](#)

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[SENATE, July 19, 2021 \(S-1246-1291\)](#)

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[HOUSE, April 5, 2022 \(H-1286-1314\)](#)

p. H-1291 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) S-53)

[SENATE, April 7, 2022 \(S-1785-1817\)](#)

p. S-1808 (Amendment(s) S-53)

## News Articles

- Environmental rights amendment clears committee hurdle (Douglas Rooks) (Portland Phoenix, 3/24/2021, p. 9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Portland Phoenix 210324C.pdf)
- Sen Maxmin introduces Pine Tree Amendment (Senate Majority Office) (Lincoln County News, 3/18/2021, p. 16) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Clip21168.pdf)
- Sen Maxmin's Pine Tree Amendment receives bipartisan support (Senate Majority Office) (Lincoln County News, 3/25/2021, p. 2A) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Clip21201.pdf)
- Why we need to pass the Pine Tree Amendment (Chloe Maxmin) (Courier-Gazette, 4/1/2021, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Courier-Gazette 210401J.pdf)
- Many good reasons to support the Pine Tree Amendment (Sue Inches) (Kennebec Journal, 4/1/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/KJ 210401A.pdf)
- Pine Tree Amendment would turn environmental protection upside down (Peter Triandafillou) (Bangor Daily News, 5/19/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/BDN 210519D.pdf)
- Senate gives support to Maxmin's Pine Tree Amendment (Senate Majority Office) (Lincoln County News, 5/6/2021, p. 11) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Clip21291.pdf)
- Wrapping up our work in Augusta (Chloe Maxmin) (Boothbay Register, 6/24/2021, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Clip21367.pdf)
- Pine Tree Amendment protects our healthy environmental rights (Sue Inches and Richard Killmer) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/25/2021, p. C7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Sun Journal 210425E.pdf)
- Another inalienable right (Maya van Rossum) (Kennebec Journal, 5/20/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/KJ 210520B.pdf)
- The Pine Tree Amendment will help reduce pollution (Luki Hewitt) (Bangor Daily News, 1/12/2022, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/BDN 220112H.pdf)
- There's growing support for Pine Tree Amendment (Susan Inches) (Kennebec Journal, 2/2/2022, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/KJ 220202B.pdf)
- Now is the time for the Pine Tree Amendment (Chloe Maxmin) (Lincoln County News, 1/27/2022, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Clip22026.pdf)
- Our constitutional rights to a clean and healthy environment (Doretta Colman) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 2/27/2022, p. C6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/Sun Journal 220227B.pdf)
- Amendment to protect Maine for the future (Jason Anthony) (Bangor Daily News, 3/15/2022, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/BDN 220315F.pdf)

Long-term thinking to protect our environment (Ernie Hilton) (Bangor Daily News, 3/29/2022, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/BDN 220329E.pdf)

A right to clean air and water? In broad initiatives, critics predict a sea of litigation (Randy Billings) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 4/3/2022, p. A1, A9, A10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/MST 220403C.pdf)

House sinks bid to create right to clean air and water (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 4/6/2022, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD04xx/nc130-LD-0489/PPH 220406B.pdf)

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