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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 10
DATE March 28, 1973

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE
COMMITTEE ON RENT AND SUB-STANDARD HOUSING

WHEREAS, the Maine Housing Coalition has presented to this office information concerning significant rent increases which have occurred in the last three months and which have caused severe hardship for certain low income tenants in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the housing conditions cited by the Legislature at the time of the creation of the Maine State Housing Authority continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has declared in the Maine State Housing Authority's Act (30 M.R.S. 4551 et. seq.) that the State Authority shall have the powers and duties "to encourage and coordinate effective use of existing and new resources and available services for housing" and "to conduct examinations and investigations and to hear testimony and take proof..... on any matter material for its information."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, do hereby establish a Governor's Committee on Rent and Sub-standard Housing to be chaired by a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority and to be composed of the following named persons and other members to be appointed as needed:

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| Fred Williams, Chairman | Commissioner, Maine State Housing Authority |
| James Mitchell | Director, Maine State Housing Authority |
| Charlie Steen | Housing Specialist for Regional Health and Welfare in Kennebec County |
| Michael Sayer | Murphy & Sayer, Lisbon Falls |
| Joseph D. Pirone | Real Estate Agent - Landlord |

Alexander Turner

York-Cumberland
Housing Development Corporation

Jerry Smith

United Low Income

Richard Roderick

Tenants Inc., Portland Tenants
Union

Frank Schiller

United Low Income

William Cady

Bangor Tenants Union

Patrick Coney

Director, Rockland Health
and Welfare

Jack Libby

President, State Council on
Older People

The Committee on Rent and Sub-standard Housing is directed to investigate and report to me with recommendations for action in the following areas:

- 1) Recent rent increases.
- 2) Current sub-standard housing conditions.
- 3) Possible legislative or judicial remedies in these fields.


KENNETH M. CURTIS, GOVERNOR