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NO. 8 FY 95/96
DATE April 3, 1996

**AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GAMBLING**

WHEREAS, the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veteran Affairs has requested that the Governor convene an Advisory Committee to review the status of gambling in Maine;

WHEREAS, all parties agree that there is a need to conduct a comprehensive review of the gambling laws of Maine in order to assure that the laws address modern developments in the gaming industry, including the advent of electronic gambling, and provide for effective administration of gambling laws;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish, effective immediately, the Advisory Committee on Gambling, as follows:

1. Purpose and Charge

The Committee shall:

- a. Review and assess the available information on the status of gambling in the State of Maine and the United States, as well as the social and economic impacts of such gambling on Maine;
- b. Undertake a comprehensive review of all of Maine's laws on gambling including laws on beano and the State Lottery and all legislative proposals presented in the 117th Legislature concerning gambling;
- c. Examine gambling laws in other states, particularly states which have established gaming commissions and in the Canadian Provinces and the experience of those states and provinces with gambling activities;
- d. Develop proposals for amending, revising or otherwise changing the State's laws on gambling in order to produce a consistent and modern scheme for regulating gambling activities in this State that is in the best interests of the State;
- e. Develop a proposal for a regulatory mechanism to review, oversee, develop and coordinate gambling policies of the State and to coordinate and oversee gambling regulation in the State; and
- f. Examine the recommendations, if any, of the Maine Harness Racing Task Force created by Executive Order 6 FY 95/96 pertaining to the most effective regulation off-track betting and simulcasting.

2. Report

The Advisory Committee shall submit a final report to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs of the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

3. Membership

The Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven members, including the following:

- a. Two Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- b. Two Senators, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- c. Two members to represent the public interest;
- d. The Chair of the Maine Harness Racing Commission,
- e. A representative of the Maine State Police;
- f. A representative of the State Lottery Commission; and
- g. Two representatives of the gambling industry.

4. Funding and Staff

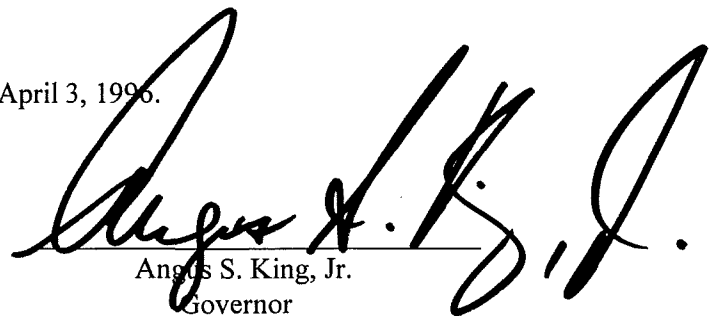
The Advisory Committee will be supported, staffed and funded, within existing resources, by the State Planning Office and the Maine State Police. The Attorney General and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall be invited to appoint a designee to serve as a resource to the Advisory Committee.

5. Meetings

The Advisory Committee shall convene at a first meeting called by the Governor no later than May 1, 1996.

6. Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is April 3, 1996.



Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor