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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

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COMMUNICATION 38, D. E. D. Study Committee

March 6, 1963

To the Honorable Members of the House and Senate
of the 101st Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine

Ladies and Gentlemen :

I have the honor to present to you the Report of the Joint Select Committee to Study the Functioning of the Department of Economic Development, created on February 13, 1963, by Joint Order S. P. 304, As Amended by House Amendment "A".

Respectfully submitted,

Shelton C. Noyes
Chairman

REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO THE 101st LEGISLATURE

By joint order (S. P. 304), as amended by House, Amendment A. This committee was created on February 13, 1963, and the following members were appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House :

SENATE

Shelton C. Noyes, Chairman
Ralph M. Lovell
Loren E. Kimball

HOUSE

Elmont S. Tyndale, Chairman
Benjamin Crockett
Alma H. Oakes
David B. Benson
George H. Roberts
Edward A. Burns
Ernest D. Smith

This report is the result of long and careful consideration by the members of this committee and the hearing of the testimony of several hundred citizens of the State of Maine. The present Department of Economic Development in common terminology is "spread too thin" and is attempting to "be all things to all men," and therefore, impossible of accomplishing the purposes for which it was established. In today's age of rapid technological advancement, specialization is necessary.

Thus, the present Department of Economic Development must be stream-lined and reorganized. Also, two specialized departments, to wit: a Department of Industrial Promotion and a Department of Tourist Promotion must be established.

The citizens of Maine have definitely shown that they are not satisfied with the present economy of the State and they feel that definite progressive changes need to be made. This committee feels that the following recommendations will achieve through specialized effort, more economic progress than has been accomplished under the present functioning of the Department of Economic Development.

The recommendations of this committee are as follows:

Recommendation No. 1:

That the Department of Economic Development be reorganized by the revising and rewriting of chapter 38-A.

Recommendation No. 2:

That a Department of Industrial Promotion be established, to be headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Council and to serve a concurrent term with the Governor. The specific duties of this department will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 3:

That a Department of Tourist Promotion be established, to be headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Council and to serve a concurrent term with the Governor. The specific duties of this department will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 4:

That the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Industrial Promotion, and the Department of Tourist Promotion shall not come under the Provisions of the Personnel Law with the exception of clerical employees therein.

Recommendation No. 5:

That a Governor's Advisory Committee on Economic Development be established consisting of the following members: Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries & Game, Forestry Commissioner, Commissioner of Sea & Shore, Director of the Department of Maine Park & Recreation, Director of the Department of Economic Development, Director of the Department of Industrial Promotion, Director of the Department of Tourist Promotion, and 12 members of the public to be appointed by the Governor as representative a cross section of the economy of the State. The public members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years to serve concurrently with the Governor's term. The specific duties of this committee will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 6:

That the Museum be transferred to the Maine Park & Recreational Department. This transfer will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 7:

That the Eastern States Exposition Building be transferred to the Department of Tourist Promotion. This transfer will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 8:

That no contractual employees shall be employed in any of the above contemplated departments.

This report, dated March 1, 1963, is respectfully submitted to the 101st Legislature.

Rep. David B. Benson

Rep. Ernest D. Smith

Rep. Edward A. Burns

Rep. George H. Roberts

Sen. Shelton C. Noyes

Sen. Ralph M. Lovell

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