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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Senator Hinds of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FOUR

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING MAINE CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION TO OPPOSE NEW STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS IN
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES.**

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and First Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare requires an increase in the frequency of review of eligibility in public assistance cases and also requires a new system of so-called "quality control"; and

Whereas, compliance with these requirements will mean the appropriation of additional State funds in order to continue to operate the public assistance programs under new eligibility standards which are totally inapplicable and transcend the needs and conditions existing in this State; and

Whereas, the failure to conform to these Federal requirements will place Maine's public assistance federal matching funds in jeopardy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That in the stringent requirements by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for increased review of eligibility, as well as the imposition of a new system of "quality control," we recognize a complete disregard of the purposes for which the federal-state assistance programs were designed and the highly impractical and utopian desire on the part of the department to promote the fallacious objective of nation-wide uniformity in Federal assistance requirements; and be it further

Resolved: That the Legislature of the State of Maine expresses the opinion that these requirements ought not to be imposed upon this or any other State in the absence of their consent, nor under the threat of loss of Federal matching funds if there is non-compliance; and be it further

Resolved: That the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States be instructed to oppose the imposition of these requirements upon this State; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Preamble and these Resolves, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.