

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1389**

H. P. 1065

House of Representatives, March 7, 1973

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Smith of Dover-Foxcroft.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, Creating the Maine Committee on the Metric System.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, with increased opportunities for exporting Maine products to foreign countries resulting from the Federal Government to encourage such exports; and

Whereas, increased exports of Maine products increases employment and the economy of Maine; and

Whereas, foreign countries predominantly use the metric system in weights and measurements; and

Whereas, investment opportunities in Maine by foreign corporations would be greatly enhanced by Maine firms and workers having knowledge and experience with the metric system; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the Governor designate a committee, including the Commissioner of Commerce and Industry and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and appropriate members of the public representing business, labor, industrial, technological and the scientific research commu-

nities to formulate a program to make available assistance and information to commercial and manufacturing firms interested in the metric system, and to establish an appropriate program to introduce the metric system to students in secondary and vocational schools in Maine; and be it further

**Resolved:** That to further the purposes of this resolve the Commissioner of Commerce and Industry be designated chairman of this committee and it be known as the "Maine Committee on the Metric System;" and be it further

**Resolved:** That the committee make further recommendations on methods to employ the metric system to the advantage of Maine and Maine people and report this back periodically to the Governor; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the members of the committee shall not exceed 11, and that they shall serve voluntarily and without cost to the State; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Commerce and Industry on behalf of the committee be authorized to apply for and receive up to \$1,500 annually from the Contingent Account administered by the Governor and Executive Council to be charged against the funds authorized for promotion of the State.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolve is to create a program to assist and encourage Maine industrial and manufacturing firms in the use and advantages of the metric system and to introduce the metric system into the secondary and vocational training schools.