

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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H.P. 1776

House of Representatives, March 22, 1984

Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacEachern of Lincoln.

Cosponsors: Representative McGowan of Pittsfield, Senator Pearson of Penobscot and Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

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**RESOLVE, to Establish a Select Committee  
Concerning Forest Practices in the State.**

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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, Maine's forest, fish and wildlife resources are of vital importance to the well-being of the State; and

Whereas, there are serious questions concerning the impact of certain forestry practices on these resources; and

Whereas, it is extremely important that these questions be studied as soon as possible to determine what actions, if any, should be taken to insure the future of Maine's forest and wildlife; and

1           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7           **Select committee established. RESOLVED:** That a  
8 select committee is established to study the forest  
9 practice actions occurring in the State. The commit-  
10 tee shall consist of the following members appointed  
11 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
12 President of the Senate jointly: Four members of the  
13 Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
14 sources; four members of the Joint Standing Committee  
15 on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; one member repre-  
16 senting the Bureau of Forestry; one member represent-  
17 ing the forest cutting industry; and one member  
18 representing the general public. The appointments  
19 shall be made on or before May 1, 1984; and be it  
20 further

21           **Study. RESOLVED:** That the committee shall de-  
22 termine whether or not there is a need for legisla-  
23 tion dealing with clear cutting. The committee shall  
24 also study the affects of clear cutting on the fish-  
25 eries and wildlife of the State; and be it further

26           **Meetings; report. RESOLVED:** That the committee  
27 shall hold such hearings and meetings as are neces-  
28 sary to carry out the purposes of this resolve and  
29 shall report its findings together with any necessary  
30 legislation for introduction at the First Regular  
31 Session of the 112th Legislature; and be it further

32           **Appropriation. RESOLVED:** That there is appro-  
33 priated from the General Fund the sum of \$3,000 to  
34 carry out the purposes of this resolve. These funds  
35 shall be used to pay a per diem to the committee mem-  
36 bers at the same rate as that paid to Legislators,  
37 except that the representative of the Bureau of For-  
38 estry shall not receive a per diem payment; to pay  
39 the actual travel, meal and lodging expenses of the  
40 committee members; and to pay other actual expenses  
41 of the committee.

