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L.D. 95

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
112TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 74, L.D. 95,
"Resolve, Creating a Joint Select Committee on Economic Development."

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, the role of the Federal Government with respect to the several states and the economies of these states is changing rapidly which has a great impact upon economic development in each state; and

Whereas, the several states are taking initiatives of their own to promote economic growth and development which has a significant impact upon all the states, in general; and

Whereas, there exists within the State significant opportunities for economic growth and development, particularly as a result of the attitudes and work ethics of Maine's labor force, the attractiveness of Maine's environment, the structure of Maine businesses and the enterprising nature of Maine people; and

Whereas, in order to realize economic growth and development consistent with the small business structure of the Maine economy, the assets of the State and the needs and wants of Maine people, it is necessary to determine the most effective means to accomplish this end; and

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1 Whereas, there are a number of economic develop-
2 ment organizations in numerous activities that have a
3 substantial impact upon economic development in
4 Maine; and

5 Whereas, it is necessary for the State to invest
6 prudently and efficiently in the promotion and en-
7 couragement of economic growth and development in or-
8 der to realize the State's economic potential; and

9 Whereas, State Government has limited resources
10 to invest in the promotion and encouragement of eco-
11 nomic growth and development; and

12 Whereas, it is essential for a study committee to
13 begin as soon as possible to examine the issues
14 raised by the changing role of the Federal Govern-
15 ment, competition of other states in economic devel-
16 opment, the diverse activities of the several econom-
17 ic developments and other agencies of the State and
18 the State's limited resources for investment in eco-
19 nomic growth and development; and

20 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
21 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
22 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
23 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
24 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 Joint Select Committee on Economic Development;
27 established. Resolved: That the Joint Select Com-
28 mittee on Economic Development, referred to as the
29 committee, is established to consist of the following
30 15 persons: Five members appointed by the President
31 of the Senate, of whom 4 may be Senators and 2 of
32 whom shall be members of the Joint Standing Committee
33 on State Government, and at least one person who
34 represents the private sector; 5 members appointed by
35 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of whom
36 4 may be Representatives and 3 of whom shall be se-

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1 lected from the Joint Standing Committee on State
2 Government, and at least one person who represents
3 the private sector; and 5 members appointed by the
4 Governor of whom 2 members represent State Government
5 and 3 members represent the private sector; and be it
6 further

7 **Resolved:** That members of the committee, includ-
8 ing Legislators and excepting representatives of ex-
9 ecutive agencies or departments, be paid a per diem
10 at the same rate as Legislators, as defined in the
11 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2. Legisla-
12 tors serving on the committee shall not be paid a per
13 diem for committee meetings while the Legislators are
14 collecting legislative per diem; and be it further

15 **Resolved:** That members representing the private
16 sector shall be paid at a rate normally paid to state
17 employees for expenses, including travel, meals and
18 lodging for meetings and hearings of the committee.
19 Legislative members of the committee shall be paid
20 expenses, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
21 Title 3, section 2, for meetings and hearings held
22 outside Augusta while the Legislature is in session.
23 When the Legislature has adjourned, the legislative
24 members shall be paid the statutorily defined ex-
25 penses for meetings and hearings held in or outside
26 Augusta. Members representing executive agencies or
27 departments shall be paid expenses from the budget of
28 the agency or department that the members represent;
29 and be it further

30 **Resolved:** That the committee undertake the fol-
31 lowing tasks but shall not be limited to these tasks:

32 1. A study of the Maine economy to determine:

33 A. The most effective role for State Government
34 in economic growth and development;

35 B. Priorities for economic development activi-
36 ties of State Government;

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1 C. The needs of small business in Maine, partic-
2 ularly capital availability on reasonable terms
3 and at reasonable rates; and

4 D. The need for advocacy of small business in
5 the State;

6 2. The changing role of the Federal Government,
7 the current impact of this changing role on the Maine
8 economy and possible impacts in the Maine economy in
9 the future;

10 3. The economic development activities under-
11 taken directly or sponsored by state governments in
12 other states; and

13 4. An analysis showing how the State compares
14 with other states with respect to economic develop-
15 ment promotion and encouragement; and be it further

16 Resolved: That the chairmen of the Joint Stand-
17 ing Committee on State Government, shall serve as
18 chairmen of the committee and shall call the first
19 meeting no later than 10 days following the appoint-
20 ment of 10 members of the committee. At the first
21 meeting, the committee shall develop an approach and
22 a schedule by which the purpose and issues as set
23 forth in this order may be achieved and determine the
24 location of each hearing held to obtain information
25 for the formulation of an economic development strat-
26 egy and economic development goals and objectives;
27 and be it further

28 Resolved: That the committee hold a minimum of 4
29 hearings throughout the State at a time convenient to
30 the public to obtain information for an economic de-
31 velopment strategy and for economic development goals
32 and objectives for Maine. The committee may hold
33 hearings in a manner deemed practicable to submit
34 proposals to the public for public evaluation; and be
35 it further

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1 **Resolved:** That the State Planning Office shall
2 provide technical assistance to the committee to in-
3 clude data and data analysis, the time and services
4 of an economist, computer services and any other in-
5 formation or services deemed necessary by the joint
6 select committee; and be it further

7 **Resolved:** That all other agencies and depart-
8 ments of State Government shall cooperate with the
9 committee and shall expeditiously provide the commit-
10 tee with the information and materials that it needs;
11 and be it further

12 **Resolved:** That the committee may contract for
13 services within the constraints of its budget; and be
14 it further

15 **Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall al-
16 locate from the Legislative Account, money deemed
17 sufficient by the council to achieve the purposes of
18 this resolve. The Legislative Administrative Direc-
19 tor, at each scheduled meeting except public hear-
20 ings, shall provide the committee with an account of
21 the money expended by the committee and the remaining
22 money available for use by the committee up to the
23 date of each meeting. Members of the committee shall
24 submit their vouchers of expenses no later than 2
25 weeks from the date the expense is incurred in order
26 to qualify for reimbursement; and be it further

27 **Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall
28 provide a minimum of one person to help staff the
29 committee; and be it further

30 **Resolved:** That the committee make its final re-
31 port including recommended legislation to the 112th
32 Legislature on February 3, 1986.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this amendment is to establish a
3 15-member joint select committee to study the Maine
4 economy to determine the most effective role for
5 State Government in economic development, the needs
6 of small business to include capital availability and
7 the need for advocacy of small business in the State.
8 In addition, this committee will look at the changing
9 role of the Federal Government and the activities of
10 other states in economic development.

11 This amendment changes the composition of the
12 joint select committee as compared to the resolve in
13 only one manner. Of the total membership of Legisla-
14 tors on the select committee, 5 will be selected from
15 the Joint Standing Committee on State Government. The
16 chairmen of the joint standing committee shall serve
17 as cochairmen of the select committee.

18 This amendment also directs the State Planning
19 Office to provide to the select committee technical
20 assistance, including data and data analysis, the
21 time and services of an economist, computer services
22 and other information as required by the select com-
23 mittee.

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