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STATE OF MAINE

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112TH LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 528, L.D.
1423, "Resolve, Creating a Commission to Study Nurs-
ing Home Cost Containment in the State."

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of the ti-
tle and inserting in its place the following:
'Resolve, to Assess the Current and Projected Needs
of Maine Citizens for Additional Nursing Care Ser-
vices.'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out every-
thing after the title and inserting in its place the
following:

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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

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Whereas, much controversy exists over whether the
present and future needs for medical and nursing care
are and will be met; and

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Whereas, information is needed on health and ill-
ness expectations and the medical and nursing ser-
vices necessary to provide care and meet the needs of
present and future citizens; and

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Whereas, policies and facilities established in
recent years to provide or require the development of
alternatives for care may not be adequate for all
levels of care; and

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Whereas, these issues are of grave concern to the
public and the Legislature; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,

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

6 Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care Needs es-
7 tablished. Resolved: That there is established a
8 Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care Needs made up
9 of 5 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Human
10 Resources, 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee
11 on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, one Repre-
12 sentative appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives and one Senator at-large appointed by
14 the President of the Senate to study the following
15 issues and report to the next special or regular ses-
16 sion of the Legislature occurring after September 21,
17 1985.

18 1. What are the Maine population age classifica-
19 tion projections through the year 2010?

20 2. What are the medical and nursing service
21 needs of those classifications during that period,
22 including:

23 A. Hospital beds;

24 B. Skilled nursing home beds;

25 C. Intermediate care beds;

26 D. Home-based care personal services; and

27 E. Rehabilitation services, including occupa-
28 tional and physical therapy?

29 3. How can the identified needs be met?

30 4. What are the projected capital costs?

31 5. What is the relationship between the Depart-

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1 ment of Human Services' reimbursement policies and
2 the construction of new beds and provision of ser-
3 vices?

4 6. What is the rate of return on capital invest-
5 ment of nursing home owners and other service
6 providers and what policies determine that rate?

7 7. What alternative methods of reimbursement are
8 in practice in other states, including the "fair
9 rental" method of determining the value of services?

10 8. What changes in state law are necessary to
11 respond to the needs identified and make necessary
12 provisions for care?

13 ; and be it further

14 Departmental cooperation. Resolved: That depart-
15 ments of State Government that have the necessary in-
16 formation assist the committee in its study, includ-
17 ing the Department of Human Services, Department of
18 Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Department of
19 Labor and the State Planning Office; and be it fur-
20 ther

21 Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative
22 Council shall provide staff assistance to the commit-
23 tee; and be it further

24 Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds
25 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out
26 the purposes of this resolve:

27 1985-86

28 LEGISLATURE

29	Legislature	
30	Personal Services	\$1,800
31	All Other	<u>5,000</u>

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1	Total	\$6,800
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2 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
3 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
4 approved.

5 FISCAL NOTE

6 The appropriation in this resolve funds the per
7 diem, travel, meals, printing and miscellaneous ex-
8 penses of the Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care
9 Needs. The appropriation of \$6,800 was based on the
10 committee holding 4 meetings.'

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this amendment is to establish a
13 Joint Select Committee on Nursing Care Needs to study
14 current and projected needs of Maine citizens for ad-
15 ditional nursing care services and to determine meth-
16 ods for fair reimbursement for these services. The
17 committee will report to the next session of the Leg-
18 islature.

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Reported by Senator Berube for the Committee on Human
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