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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1433

7 H.P. 996

House of Representatives, April 30, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on State Government suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Sproul of Augusta, Senator Danton of
York and Representative Descoteaux of Biddeford.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 **Resolve, to Establish a Study Commission**
18 **on Government Competition with Private Enterprise.**
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20 **Purpose and findings. Resolved:** That the Legisla-
21 ture finds that economic growth and the creation of
22 jobs are stimulated by relying on private enterprise
23 to provide goods and services for use by state agen-
24 cies. The Legislature further finds that economic
25 growth and the creation of jobs are stimulated by
26 curbing state agencies from producing goods and of-
27 fering services to the public which could be produced
28 or offered by the private sector. The Legislature
29 finds that study of government competition with the
30 private sector is necessary in order to promote the
31 prudent use of taxpayer dollars and to promote eco-
32 nomic growth and the creation of jobs; and be it fur-
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34 **Commission established. Resolved:** That there is
35 established the Study Commission on Government Compe-
36 tition with Private Enterprise to consist of 11 mem-
37 bers: The Commissioner of Finance and Administration;

1 the Director of the Bureau of Purchases; the Commis-
2 sioner of Personnel; the Director of the State Devel-
3 opment Office; the Commissioner of Transportation;
4 and 6 members of the public of which at least 4 shall
5 be engaged in private enterprise, to be appointed by
6 the Governor. The Governor shall designate one of the
7 public members as chairman; and be it further

8 Subject of the Study. Resolved: That the commis-
9 sion shall investigate and study all facets of State
10 Government competition with the private sector in-
11 cluding, but not limited to, the following:

12 1. The extent to which the State provides goods
13 and services for its own use, and the number of state
14 employees involved, which could also be obtained from
15 the private sector;

16 2. The extent to which the State provides goods
17 and services to the public, and the number of state
18 employees involved, which are also to be provided by
19 the private sector;

20 3. The estimated dollar value of goods and ser-
21 vices provided by the State to its own agencies or
22 the public in competition with the private sector;

23 4. The extent to which state procurement poli-
24 cies and procedures discourage participation by small
25 businesses and ways in which those policies and pro-
26 cedures can be reformed; and

27 5. Such other matters as the commission deems
28 appropriate in providing to the Legislature a full
29 and accurate picture of the ways in which state agen-
30 cies compete with the private sector in the provision
31 of goods and services to agencies and the public.

32 The commission shall seek, to the maximum extent
33 practicable, to recommend ways in which government
34 can contract out and otherwise utilize the private
35 sector for the provision of goods and services at
36 less cost and more benefit to the State and taxpayers
37 than if the goods and services were produced by state
38 agencies; and be it further

