

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1190

H.P. 889 House of Representatives, April 9, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CONLEY of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator KERRY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1                   **Resolve, to Study Heating Oil, Gasoline and**  
2                   **Propane Gas Pricing Factors in the**  
3                   **State.**  
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5                   **Study established. Resolved:** That the Petroleum  
6 Products Market Study Committee shall conduct a study  
7 of the factors influencing the distribution and pric-  
8 ing of automotive gasoline, number 2 heating oil and  
9 propane gas in this State and related consumer pro-  
10 tection laws and regulations. The study shall evalu-  
11 ate historical data on wholesale and retail prices of  
12 automotive gasoline, number 2 heating oil and propane  
13 gas in order to determine the amount of the retail  
14 price markup; and be it further

15                   **Committee established; terms; compensation. Re-**  
16 **solved:** That the Petroleum Products Market Study  
17 Committee be established and comprised of the follow-

1 ing members: 2 members of the House of Representa-  
2 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House; 2 mem-  
3 bers of the Senate appointed by the President of the  
4 Senate; the Director of Office of Energy Resources; a  
5 representative of the Division of Consumer Protec-  
6 tion, Department of the Attorney General; and a rep-  
7 resentative of the petroleum industry in the State.  
8 The committee members shall be appointed within 30  
9 days of the effective date of this legislation. The  
10 legislative members shall receive the legislative per  
11 diem and the other members shall receive compensation  
12 for expenses only; and be it further

13 **Report; contents. Resolved:** That the committee  
14 shall issue a report, stating their conclusions re-  
15 garding the changes in the economic makeup of the re-  
16 tail sector which have effected these prices. In the  
17 report, the committee shall inform the legislature,  
18 the public and involved businesses, of trends in the  
19 make up of the wholesale and retail distribution net-  
20 work for these products and suggest any necessary  
21 legislation needed to reduce structural constraints  
22 in this business sector and to provide further pro-  
23 tection for retail distributors and consumers. This  
24 report, together with any necessary implementing leg-  
25 islation, shall be submitted to the Second Regular  
26 Session of the 113th Legislature; and be it further

27 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following  
28 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry  
29 out the purposes of this Act.

30 1987-88

31 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

32 Office of Energy Resources

33 All Other \$15,000

34 These funds will be  
35 used to carry out  
36 the study.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill establishes a committee to carry out a study of the factor influencing the distribution and pricing of automotive gasoline, number 2 heating oil and propane gas in the State and related consumer petroleum laws and regulations.

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