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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1659, "JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNMENTS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR FREEDOM"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the title and
inserting in its place the following:

'JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO AID THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE
TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS FOR FREEDOM'

Further amend the resolution by striking out everything
after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and
Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in
the Second Regular Session, most respectfully petition the
President and Congress of the United States to aid the peoples of
Eastern Europe and other areas under the control of single party
communist states who are now or have been in the process of
changing their system, as follows:

WHEREAS, the people of Maine have watched with admiration
during the past 6 months as the peoples of Bulgaria,
Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland,
Romania and Yugoslavia have, in one form or another, courageously
stood for the cause of freedom and political plurality in
changing their form of government; and

WHEREAS, this movement for freedom has even developed within
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS, such expressions of freedom have also erupted, only
to be put down with brute force, in Albania and the People's
Republic of China; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the people of Maine are preparing to attend our
3 local town meetings, a cherished Maine tradition and the purest
4 expression of democratic government; and

6 **WHEREAS,** individual expressions of conscience and humanity
7 have touched responsive chords in millions of fellow citizens of
8 communist countries who have been inspired to add their voices to
9 the collective demand for freedom of assembly, freedom of the
10 press, freedom of religion, representative self-government and
11 market-based economies; and

12 **WHEREAS,** on our own behalf, and on behalf of the people of
13 the State of Maine, we wish to express our support for this
14 evolving process, which is bringing new vitality, and the
15 adoption of democratic values, decentralized governance and
16 pluralistic self-representation to these countries; and

17 **WHEREAS,** we express our admiration for the efforts of these
18 people and wish to encourage them in these efforts and to
19 continue to move forward toward a world of reduced tension in
20 which all governments recognize individual liberties and promote
21 human dignity; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED:** That We, your Memorialists, urge the President and
23 Congress of the United States to support the efforts of the
24 people of these nations to forge governments of their own
25 choosing, to help them with sufficient moral and financial aid to
26 ensure the success of those who have already achieved their
27 freedom and to bolster the hopes and aspirations of those whose
28 thirst for freedom has yet to be fulfilled; and be it further

29 **RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly
30 authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the
31 Honorable George H. W. Bush, President of the United States, to
32 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each
34 Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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37 This amendment strikes the entire memorial and replaces it
38 with a memorial to Congress and the President of the United
39 States urging aid and support for the people of Eastern Europe
40 and other areas under the control of single party communist
41 states who are changing their systems of government.

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