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Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BOST of Penobscot.

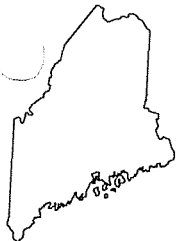
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator CARPENTER of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, to Study the Economic Effect of Competitive Telecommunication Services.

(EMERGENCY)



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

5 Whereas, the availability of competitive telecommunication
services in Maine is in jeopardy due to adoption by the Public
7 Utilities Commission of Chapter 280, sections 5 and 8, of its
rules relating to these competitive services; and

9 Whereas, these rules, which were adopted effective November
11 27, 1988, already may be causing adverse economic consequences
for the State of Maine; and

13 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
15 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
17 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

19 **Study. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on
21 Utilities shall immediately commence a study of the economic
23 impact of Chapter 280, sections 5 and 8, of the rules of the
Public Utilities Commission, concerning interexchange competition
and interexchange service access charges. By February 1, 1990,
25 the committee shall submit a written report to the Legislature
stating whether Chapter 280, sections 5 and 8, will cause adverse
27 consequences to the economy of Maine, and whether any other
provisions concerning telecommunications competition should be
29 changed; and be it further

31 **Suspension of effective date. Resolved:** That the effect of
Chapter 280, sections 5 and 8, of the rules of the Public
33 Utilities Commission is suspended from its original effective
date until February 1, 1990, or such other date as the
35 Legislature subsequently may determine to be appropriate.

37 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.
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43 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

45 Two provisions of the rules on telecommunications
competition, recently adopted by the Public Utilities Commission,
may have various adverse economic consequences in the State of
47 Maine. Because of the very large and widespread impact of these

1 rules, there is need for the Legislature to be fully informed of
the consequences of these particular provisions. This resolve
3 suspends the effects of the 2 questionable provisions for a short
period of time until the Legislature has studied the matter. All
5 other provisions of the rules will continue in effect as ordered
by the Public Utilities Commission.