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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 878, L.D. 1221, "Resolve, to Assess the Needs of the Equine Industry and to Establish a Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide Horse Council"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, work must begin soon to ensure the timely completion of the tasks assigned in this resolve; and

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

Sec. 1. Needs assessment. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Maine System and other sources of information, shall compile a comprehensive economic inventory of the horse and related industries in the State together with a needs assessment; and be it further

Sec. 2. Results. Resolved: That the results of the needs assessment shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters no later than December 1, 1989; and be it further

1 **Sec. 3. Commission established. Resolved:** That there is
established the Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide
3 Horse Council; and be it further

5 **Sec. 4. Membership. Resolved:** That the commission shall
consist of 9 members with interest in horses or horse-related
7 industries to be appointed by July 1, 1989. Members shall be
appointed as follows: 2 members of the Senate and 2 members of
9 the general public appointed by the President of the Senate; and
3 members of the House of Representatives and 2 members of the
11 general public appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives. The Executive Director of the Legislative
13 Council shall be notified of any appointments. The chair shall
be named by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives; and be it further

17 **Sec. 5. Study. Resolved:** That the commission prepare a plan
for the creation of a statewide horse council. In developing
19 this plan, the commission shall consider the common interests of
the State's equine industries, the means of communication within
21 the industries, and the importance of monitoring legislation and
administrative decisions that have an impact on those industries
23 and on horse-related activities. The commission shall invite
concerned members of the public to present testimony concerning
25 these matters; and be it further

27 **Sec. 6. Meetings. Resolved:** That the chair shall convene the
commission no later than August 1, 1989. The commission shall
29 hold no more than 4 meetings; and be it further

31 **Sec. 7. Staff; compensation. Resolved:** That the commission
shall request necessary staff assistance from the Legislative
33 Council. The members of the commission who are Legislators shall
receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised
35 Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for days in attendance at
commission meetings. All members of the commission shall receive
37 reimbursement for expenses upon application to the Legislative
Council; and be it further

39 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
41 its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
43 jurisdiction over agriculture matters no later than December 1,
1989; and be it further

45 **Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
47 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

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1 Study Commissions - Funding

3 Personal Services \$1,375
4 All Other 4,550

5 Provides funds for per diem,
7 meeting and related expenses
9 of the Commission to Study
10 the Creation of a Statewide
11 Horse Council.

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13 TOTAL

\$5,925

15 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
16 preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

17 FISCAL NOTE

19 This bill will result in:

21 1. A General Fund appropriation to the Legislature (Study
23 Commissions - Funding) in the amount of \$5,925 for fiscal year
24 1989-90. This appropriation would provide funds for anticipated
25 expenses of the Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide
26 Horse Council; and

27 2. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
29 absorbing all costs associated with the proposed needs
30 assessment.

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33 STATEMENT OF FACT

35 This amendment includes the intent of the original resolve
36 to establish the Commission to Study the Creation of a Statewide
37 Horse Council. Changes are made in the selection of commission
38 members and the appointment of a chair. In addition, the
39 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources replaces the
40 the University of Maine System as the lead agency in conducting a
41 needs assessment of the various horse-related industries in the
State.

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