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House of Representatives, May 4, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Pert'.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick, Representative HOLT of Bath and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**Resolve, to Mandate a Comprehensive Planning Process for Rail
Transportation.**



1 **Sec. 1. Study concerning future rail service in Maine. Resolved:**
2 That the Director of the State Planning Office and the
3 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
4 undertake a study concerning the future of rail service in this
5 State, with input from representatives of state and federal
6 agencies, other states and countries and public interest groups.
7 The study and recommendations made in the report shall include
8 the following:

9 1. The importance of rail service to the State's economy
10 and its major industries;

11 2. The feasibility of passenger service, coordinating with
12 services in neighboring states;

13 3. The advantages of commuter service, particularly in
14 areas of major traffic congestion;

15 4. The environmental advantages of using existing
16 rights-of-way;

17 5. Improving connections between major tourist areas in the
18 State;

19 6. Improving business opportunities for the residents of
20 this State;

21 7. The opportunities for direct employment as well as
22 satellite businesses;

23 8. The transporting of recycled materials to processors; and

24 9. The State's role in owning rights-of-way; and be it
25 further

26 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the director and commissioner
27 shall submit a report, including any necessary implementing
28 legislation, to the 114th Legislature by December 1, 1989.

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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32 This resolve requires the Director of the State Planning
33 Office and the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
34 to study the future of rail service in this State.