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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator KANY of Kennebec and Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

Resolve, to Study the Use of Herbicides .

(EMERGENCY)



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

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Whereas, the use of herbicides in Maine has increased
6 drastically over the last several years; and

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Whereas, overuse of herbicides has the potential to reduce
the number of wildlife species due to destruction of habitat; and

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Whereas, more information is needed in order to assess the
12 current and future results of the increased use of herbicides; and

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

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Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission
to Study the Use of Herbicides is established.

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Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission shall be
24 comprised of the following 11 members: three members of the
House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives; 2 Senators appointed by the President of the
Senate; 2 members representing the forest products industry, one
28 appointed by the President of the Senate and one by the Speaker
of the House of Representatives; 2 members representing the
30 general public, one appointed by the President of the Senate and
one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
32 2 members representing environmental interests; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all
appointments shall be made no later than 30 days following the
36 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council shall be notified by all appointing
38 authorities once the selections have been made. The Chair of the
Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the
40 commission. The commission shall select a chair from its
membership; and be it further

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Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the
44 current use of herbicides in Maine and gather information on the
effects of herbicide use on forests, natural habitats, the water
46 table and other environmental impacts; and be it further

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Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
50 to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by December
1, 1990; and be it further

