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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'DEA of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator BOST of Penobscot, Senator PEARSON of Penobscot and Representative NORTON of Winthrop.

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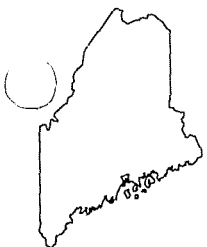
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State Spending on the University of Maine System.

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(EMERGENCY)



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

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6           Whereas, following the blue ribbon commission report on the  
University of Maine System in 1986, the Legislature appropriated  
a supplemental \$15,000,000 "down payment" to the system to  
8 address areas of deficiency; and

10           Whereas, over the intervening years, the Legislature and  
the public have continued to support extraordinary appropriations  
12 and bond issue authorizations for programs and projects of the  
University of Maine System; and

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16           Whereas, this increased level of financial support  
indicates the importance the people of the State place on the  
University of Maine System as an academic, economic development,  
18 public service, and cultural resource of the State; and

20           Whereas, there is need for immediate assessment of the  
impact of recent spending patterns of the University of Maine  
22 System in light of continued increased requests on behalf of the  
system in order to evaluate the effectiveness of that spending  
24 and to prioritize needs for future spending; and

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

32           **Sec. 1. Commission created and charged. Resolved:** That there  
is created the Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State  
34 Spending on the University of Maine System. The commission shall  
gather and analyze information concerning the rate of increase of  
36 state appropriations to the University of Maine System since 1986  
and assess the impact of that increase on the following aspects  
38 of the system:

- 40           1. Construction of educational facilities;
- 42           2. Acquisition of equipment, supplies and services;
- 44           3. Impact on the quality, size, turnover and morale of the  
46 faculty, including changes in class sizes and student to faculty  
ratios;
- 48           4. Investments to improve the quality of student life;
- 50           5. Range of academic offerings;

2 6. Comparison of increases in administrative costs relative  
to increases in program and operating costs;

4 7. Distribution of funds among the campuses; and

6 8. Other issues determined relevant by the commission; and  
8 be it further

10 **Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved:** That the commission shall  
12 consist of 7 voting members and one nonvoting ex officio member  
appointed in the following manner:

14 1. Two legislative members to be appointed jointly by the  
16 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives. These members shall be chosen from a list of  
Legislators recommended by the chairs of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Education;

20 2. Two students from different campuses of the University  
22 of Maine System to be appointed jointly by the President of the  
Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

24 3. Two faculty members from different campuses of the  
26 University of Maine System to be appointed jointly by the  
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives;

28 4. One member representing the Board of Trustees of the  
30 University of Maine System appointed by the trustees; and

32 5. One nonvoting ex officio representative from the Office  
34 of the Chancellor of the University of Maine System to be  
appointed by the chancellor; and be it further

36 **Sec. 3. Convening of commission. Resolved:** That when the  
38 appointment of all commission members is completed, the Executive  
40 Director of the Legislative Council shall convene the first  
meeting within 30 days of the final appointment. At the first  
meeting, the commission shall elect a chair from among its  
members; and be it further

42 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall present  
44 its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the  
46 First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and the Office of  
the Chancellor by December 1, 1990; and be it further

48 **Sec. 5. Assistance. Resolved:** That, if staff assistance is  
50 desired, the commission shall request assistance from the  
Legislative Council; and be it further

52 **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the  
commission who are Legislators shall receive the legislative per

2 diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section  
2, for each day's attendance at commission meetings. All members  
4 of the commission shall receive reimbursement for expenses upon  
application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council;  
and be it further

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8 **Sec. 7. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

	1989-90	1990-91
12 <b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
14 <b>Commission to Assess the Impact of</b>		
16 <b>Increased State Spending on the</b>		
18 <b>University of Maine System</b>		
20       Personal Services	\$110	\$440
20       All Other	650	3,800
22       Provides funds for the per		
24       diem, travel and related		
expenses of the commission.		
26 <b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
26 <b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$760</u>	<u>\$4,240</u>

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
30 preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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36 The purpose of this resolve is to establish a commission to  
assess the impact of the increase in state dollars the University  
of Maine System has received over the last 5 years.

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40 The specific impacts to be studied include: construction  
projects on campuses; acquisition of equipment, supplies and  
services; impact on the quality, size, rate of turnover and  
42 morale of the faculty; improvements in the quality of student  
life; improvement of academic offerings; and distribution of  
44 funding among the campuses.

46 The Commission to Assess the Impact of Increased State  
Spending on the University of Maine System will report to the  
48 First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and the Office of  
the Chancellor by December 1, 1990.

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