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House of Representatives, May 16, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Representative GOULD of Greenville and Representative LORD of Waterboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**Resolve, to Establish an Alternative Waste Reduction and
Energy-producing Demonstration Project.**



2 Preamble. Whereas, the fees and costs associated with solid
waste disposal are rising, in part due to changing economics of
4 large scale centralized incineration; and

6 Whereas, the Legislature has contributed to the
centralization and quasi-monopolistic structure of waste
8 incineration; and

10 Whereas, federal clean water standards have resulted in the
closing of municipal landfill facilities throughout the State; and

12 Whereas, the net effect of these factors is the limiting of
options of municipalities to dispose of solid waste within their
14 boundaries; and

16 Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to
expand the disposal options available to Maine residents and
18 municipal governments in an environmentally sound manner; now,
therefore, be it

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22 **Sec. 1. Demonstration project. Resolved:** That the
municipalities of Rockland and Sangerville may undertake a
24 one-year demonstration project to encourage alternative and
innovative waste reduction and energy-producing methods. The
26 demonstration project must use a decentralized waste-to-energy
recovery process for the open-hearth glassification of municipal
28 waste, composed of combustibles and biomass or materials
otherwise consigned to landfills.

30 1. The municipalities of Rockland and Sangerville may enter
into contracts with a business that offers such a process. That
32 business shall conduct the actual operation of the incinerators.

34 2. Upon application of the business operating the
incinerators, the Department of Environmental Protection shall
36 conduct air emission tests required for state and federal
licensing of the technology. The applicant shall bear the cost
38 of any such testing; and be it further

40 **Sec. 2. Rules. Resolved:** That, by November 1, 1992, the
Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt by rule air
42 emission standards for the waste-to-energy recovery process used
in the project. The rules may allow the department to transfer
44 its monitoring function to municipalities through the use of
local monitoring procedures authorized by the department.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This resolve authorizes a one-year demonstration project,
8 conducted by the municipalities of Rockland and Sangerville, to
10 encourage alternative waste reduction and energy-producing
12 methods. The municipalities represent an urbanized area and a
rural settled place for testing purposes. The project will use
an innovative waste-to-energy recovery process. The resolve
requires air emission testing during the project.

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