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S.P. 212

In Senate, February 25, 1993

**An Act to Establish a Full Employment Program as a Pilot Project in  
Certain Counties of the State.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BENNETT of Norway, BRUNO of Raymond, QUINT of Paris.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 34 is enacted to read:

6 CHAPTER 34

8 FULL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

10 §2194. Full Employment Program demonstration project

12 1. Administration of program. The Bureau of Employment and  
14 Training Programs within the Department of Labor shall administer  
16 and operate, in cooperation with the Department of Human  
18 Services, the Full Employment Program, established and referred  
20 to in the chapter as the "program."

22 2. Purpose. The program is a 3-year pilot program in which  
24 residents of Oxford County are provided with jobs, in lieu of  
26 receiving coupons under the food stamp program, payments under  
28 the unemployment compensation system or payments from aid to  
30 families with dependent children. The purposes of the program  
32 are to promote self-respect and encourage the unemployed who are  
34 willing to work to become self-sufficient and improve their  
36 position in the work force.

38 3. Waivers and rules. The Governor and the Legislature  
40 shall petition the United States Congress to obtain any  
42 exemptions and waivers from and amendments to federal statutes,  
44 rules and regulations necessary to implement the program and to  
46 make funds from the suspended federal programs available to the  
48 program. Upon obtaining all such exemptions, waivers and  
50 amendments, the Commissioner of Labor shall adopt changes to  
52 current rules as may be required to implement the program under  
this chapter.

4. Advisory board. A voluntary advisory board is  
established in Oxford County to assist the Bureau of Employment  
and Training Programs in the administration of the program and to  
allow flexibility in dealing with the particular needs of Oxford  
County. The board shall develop policy and procedures consistent  
with this chapter and the rules adopted by the bureau. The board  
is comprised of 7 members who must be appointed by the county  
commissioners in cooperation with the Department of Labor. Board  
members must be residents of Oxford County and appointed to  
3-year terms.

5. Funding. Funds apportioned to or appropriated for  
expenditure by the State under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act,  
the food stamp program and the aid to families with dependent  
children program must be used as necessary for the purposes of  
this chapter.

