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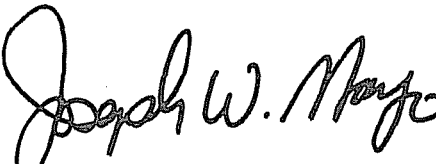
H.P. 661

House of Representatives, March 15, 1993

**Resolve, to Direct Elected and Appointed Officials of the State to Work
to Maintain Canadian Atlantic Railway Service through the State.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HUSSEY of Milo.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and
Representatives: ANDERSON of Woodland, BAILEY of Township 27, BAILEY of Farmington,
CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DEXTER of Kingfield, DRISCOLL of
Calais, GOULD of Greenville, HICHBORN of Howland, JACQUES of Waterville, MARTIN of
Eagle Lake, MICHAUD of East Millinocket, ROTONDI of Athens, THOMPSON of Lincoln,
TOWNSEND of Eastport, VIGUE of Winslow, Senators: GOULD of Waldo, VOSE of
Washington, WEBSTER of Franklin.

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,** Canadian Pacific Limited has filed notice of intent
with the National Transportation Agency in Canada for authority
to abandon operations of the Canadian Atlantic Railway, a
8 business unit of the Canadian Pacific Railway system, on the
railway's main line and connecting rail lines east of Sherbrooke,
10 Quebec, including its main line through the State; and

12 **Whereas,** Canadian Pacific Limited will seek similar
authority from the United States Interstate Commerce Commission
14 to discontinue operations and abandon the railway's main line in
the State; and

16 **Whereas,** the Canadian Atlantic Railway traverses the State
18 for 201.2 miles from the Quebec-Maine border near T-2 R-8 passing
through the towns of Jackman, Greenville, Brownville,
20 Mattawamkeag, Kingman, Wytovitlock, Danforth, Forest Station,
Lambert Lake to Vanceboro on the Maine-New Brunswick border; and

22 **Whereas,** the Canadian Atlantic Railway interchanges with the
24 Bangor and Aroostook Railroad at Brownville Junction and the
Springfield Terminal Railway Company at Mattawamkeag, providing
26 essential east-west connections for freight shipments to and from
mills of Bowater Corporation, Fraser Paper Limited and Georgia
28 Pacific Corporation; and

30 **Whereas,** the rail trackage of the Canadian Pacific Railway
system through the State is utilized by VIA Rail providing rail
32 passenger service between St. John, New Brunswick and Montreal
and points west with station stops at Vanceboro, Mattawamkeag,
34 Brownville Junction, Greenville and Jackman; and

36 **Whereas,** 93 Maine citizens are employed by Canadian Atlantic
Railway and abandonment will mean the loss of those jobs; and

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

44 **Sec. 1. Request denial of abandonment authority. Resolved:** That
46 the Governor, the Commissioner of Transportation, the
Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and other
48 state officials work with Canadian officials, affected shippers,
affected municipalities and other interested parties to request
50 the United States Interstate Commerce Commission and the National

