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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1015, L.D. 1361, Bill, "An Act to Define Responsibilities of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, this legislation establishes the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering; and

Whereas, the commission is required to submit its report to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by December 1, 1994; and

Whereas, in order for the appointments to be made, the commission to be convened and the report to be submitted in a timely fashion, this legislation must take effect immediately; and

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

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 39 in amendment) by

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striking out the following: "14" and inserting in its place the
following: '15'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all
of subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Four representatives from the academic community,
including one economist who has practical experience and
knowledge of natural resources, one ethicist, one environmental
scientist with knowledge of biotechnology and genetic engineering
issues and one public health professional;'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in subsection 4 in
the last line (page 2, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the
following: "farmer." and inserting in its place the following:
'farmer; and'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by inserting after
subsection 4 the following:

'5. The President of the Maine Science and Technology
Foundation, who is an ex officio member.'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in subsection 5 in
the first 2 lines (page 3, lines 5 and 6 in amendment) by
striking out the following: "risks, including any negative" and
inserting in its place the following: 'risks and benefits,
including'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 8
and inserting in its place the following:

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

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Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering

Personal Services	\$220	\$660
All Other	1,500	5,000

Provides funds to the
Commission to Study
Biotechnology and Genetic
Engineering for the per diem.

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of legislative members,
expenses of all members and
miscellaneous commission
expenses.

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TOTAL**

\$1,720

\$5,660

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

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1993-94

1994-95

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund


\$1,720

\$5,660

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$1,720 in
fiscal year 1993-94 and \$5,660 in fiscal year 1994-95 to the
Legislature for the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic
Engineering for the per diem of legislative members, expenses of
all members and miscellaneous commission expenses. The
Legislature can absorb the costs related to staffing the
commission utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment incorporates the substance of Senate
Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" except that this
amendment also adds an emergency preamble and clause and directs
the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering to
consider mechanisms by which both risks and benefits created by
the use of biotechnology and genetic engineering products and
waste products may be evaluated.

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