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8	STATE OF MAINE
10	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 116TH LEGISLATURE
12	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
14	HOUSE AMENDMENT " ${\cal B}$ " to S.P. 776, L.D. 2003, "Resolve,
16	Authorizing the Examination of School Finance and Taxation Proposals"
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20	Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 (page 1, lines 23 to 35 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:
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24	'Sec. 4. Committee established. Resolved: That the Committee to Study Taxation Issues Related to Funding Public Schools, referred to in this resolve as the "committee," is established; and be it
26	further
28	Sec. 5. Membership. Resolved: That the committee consists of 10 members appointed as follows:
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32	<ol> <li>Two senators from the Joint Standing Committee or Education appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be from the minority party and one of whom must be from the</li> </ol>
34	majority party;
36	2. Two senators from the Joint Standing Committee or

 Two senators from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be from the minority party and one of whom must be from the majority party;

3. Three members of the House of Representatives from the
42 Joint Standing Committee on Education appointed by the Speaker of
the House of Representatives, one of whom must be from the
44 minority party and 2 of whom must be from the majority party; and

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- 4. Three members of the House of Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be from the minority party and 2 of whom must be from the majority party; and be it further

  Sec. 6. Appointments. Resolved: That all appointments must be
- Sec. 6. Appointments. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this 10 The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Legislative Director οf the Council upon making 12 appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the 14 first meeting of the committee no later than August 15, 1994; and be it further
- Sec. 7. Duties. Resolved: That the committee shall review taxation issues related to funding public schools. The committee shall:
- Review and analyze the current tax structure for funding
   public schools, grades kindergarten to 12;
- 24 2. Review and analyze alternatives to reliance upon the property tax to fund the required local share of education costs; and
- 3. Identify the implications of repealing the property tax as the revenue source for funding the local share of the total allocation for education, effective in fiscal year 1996-97; and be it further
  - Sec. 8. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the committee shall request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further
  - Sec. 9. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the committee members are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the committee. Members are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the committee's budget; and be it further
- Sec. 10. Report. Resolved: That the committee shall submit its report to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by January 15, 1995; and be it further

2	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.
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16	Provides funds for the Committee to Study Taxation Issues Related to Funding Public Schools for the per diem and expenses of
18	members and miscellaneous committee expenses.
20	LEGISLATURE TOTAL \$6,800'
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24	Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:
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30	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
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34	General Fund \$6,800
JI	The Legislature will require a General Fund appropriation of
36	\$6,800 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Committee to Study Taxation
38	Issues Related to Funding Public Schools for the per diem and expenses of members and miscellaneous committee expenses. The
30	Legislature can absorb the costs related to staffing assistance
40	within existing budgeted resources.
42	The State Board of Education may require an additional General Fund appropriation for the costs associated with holding
44	statewide public hearings related to the proposed School Finance Act of 1994. The amount required will depend on the number of
46	hearings that are required.
48	The additional costs to review and analyze proposals related to essential educational services can be absorbed by the
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## HOUSE AMENDMENT

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2 STATEMENT OF FACT The resolve directs a subcommittee consisting of members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to review, analyze and make recommendations for changes in the current tax structure for funding public 8 schools. 10 This amendment changes the subcommittee to a committee, adds provisions on appointment of committee members, reimbursement and 12 staff assistance and adds the following 2 new duties to the committee: 14 1. To review and analyze alternatives to reliance upon the 16 property tax to fund the required local share of education costs; and 18 To identify the implications of repealing the property 20 tax as the revenue source for funding the local share of the total allocation for education, effective in fiscal year 1996-97. 22 24 26 (Representative E. MITCHELL) 28 Vassalboro TOWN: