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S.P. 301

In Senate, March 14, 1995

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Payment of Excise Taxes.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford, HATHAWAY of York, Representative: DUNN of Gray.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study the Payment of Excise Taxes, referred to in this resolve
as the "commission," is established; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 members as follows:

8 1. The Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's
designee;

10 2. One representative from the Maine Auto Dealers
12 Association;

14 3. One representative of the Maine Municipal Association;

16 4. One representative whose expertise involves electronic
18 funds transfer technology; and

20 5. One representative from the public.

22 All members of the commission, with the exception of the
Secretary of State, are appointed by the Governor. The
24 commission shall select at its first meeting one member to serve
as chair; and be it further

26 **Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
28 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council upon making the
30 appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete,
the Chair of the Legislative Council shall convene the first
32 meeting of the commission no later than November 15, 1995; and be
it further

34 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall conduct a
36 study to identify and review the current methods used for the
payment and collection of excise taxes and make recommendations
38 to make the payment and collection process more efficient and
convenient to the public.

40 In conducting the study, the commission may include the
42 public, outside experts, state agencies and businesses in the
State in the commission's deliberations; and be it further

44 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission may
46 request staffing and clerical assistance from the Bureau of
Taxation; and be it further

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2 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the commission members
are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary
4 expenses upon application to the Legislative Council. The
Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer
the commission's budget; and be it further

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8 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall present
its findings and any recommended legislation to the Second
10 Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by January 15, 1996; and
be it further

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

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**Commission to Study the Payment
of Excise Taxes**

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Provides funds to the
Commission to Study the
Payment of Excise Taxes for
the reimbursement of travel
and other expenses.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Payment
of Excise Taxes. The commission shall identify and review the
current methods used for the payment and the collection of excise
taxes and make recommendations to make the payment and the
collection process more efficient and convenient to the public.