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In Senate, March 28, 1995

Resolve, to Establish a Paper Industry Council.

Reported by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland for the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry pursuant to Resolve 1993, chapter 75

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 20.

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

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

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

4 **Whereas,** the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper
6 Industry believes any study benefits by a follow-up on its
recommendations; and

8 **Whereas,** the commission found that nowhere in State
10 Government is there an entity charged specifically with the
welfare of the industry such as exists for blueberries, lobsters,
12 potatoes and tourism; and

14 **Whereas,** the commission would like implementation of its
16 recommendations to receive early attention because of immediate
need for some of them to be implemented, in order to take
18 advantage of the attention that the commission's actions has
focused on the subject and in order to be part of the emerging
priorities of a new Governor and a new Legislature; and

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

26 **Sec. 1. Paper Industry Council established. Resolved:** That the
28 Paper Industry Council, referred to in this resolve as the
"council," is established; and be it further

30 **Sec. 2. Appointment of members. Resolved:** That the council
32 consists of 13 members. The Governor shall appoint one person
from each of the following: the Department of Economic and
34 Community Development, the Department of Environmental
Protection, the Department of Transportation, the University of
36 Maine System, an electric utility, a railroad, organized labor
and the environmental community; and 3 members from the paper
38 industry. The President of the Senate shall appoint one Senator
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
40 Representative.

42 Council members appointed may not act as advocates of the
group from which appointed but shall act in the best interest of
44 the State as a whole.

46 All appointments must be made no later than 30 days
following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing
48 authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the
Legislative Council upon making their appointments. The
50 executive director shall contact any appointing authority whose

2 appointments have not been made within the required time period
in order to remind the appointing authority of the deadline for
4 these appointments and that the council has the right to meet
without waiting for all appointments to be made; and be it further

6 **Sec. 3. Convening of council. Resolved:** That the Chair of the
Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the study
8 commission between the 30th and 45th days following the effective
date of this resolve. If the first meeting of the council is not
10 called within that time period, the Governor shall call the first
meeting. A quorum is a majority of the members appointed at the
12 time of the vote; and be it further

14 **Sec. 4. Selection of chair. Resolved:** That the member from the
Department of Economic and Community Development shall chair the
16 first meeting at the conclusion of which the members shall elect
a permanent chair; and be it further

18 **Sec. 5. Tasks. Resolved:** That the council shall accomplish the
20 following tasks.

22 1. The initial priority is to oversee implementation of the
recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper
24 Industry, which was created by Resolve 1993, chapter 75.

26 2. The council's long-term task is to recommend to all
interested parties ways in which the future of the paper industry
28 may be enhanced, while concurrently enhancing employment, the
environment and the state budget. The council shall oversee the
30 implementation and evaluation of its recommended programs; and be
it further

32 **Sec. 6. Staffing. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and
34 Community Development shall provide staffing and clerical support
to the council; and be it further

36 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That for each day's attendance
38 at meetings when the Legislature is not in session, council
members who are Legislators receive the legislative per diem as
40 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses; and be it
42 further

44 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the council shall produce a
written report of its success in accomplishing its task of
46 overseeing the implementation of the recommendations of the
Commission to Study the Future of Maine's Paper Industry and
48 shall submit the written report and an oral report to the Joint
Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development.

2 The council shall submit its reports no later than February
15, 1996 and, no later than the adjournment date of each session
4 of the Legislature, shall determine whether to continue its
activities for the next year; and be it further

6 **Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and
8 Community Development shall administer the council's budget; and
be it further

10 **Sec. 10. Funding. Resolved:** That the council may seek, accept
12 and expend public and private funding to support its activities.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This resolve is the unanimous recommendation of the
Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry. It is one of
22 4 bills submitted by the commission to the First Regular Session
of the 117th Legislature pursuant to Resolve 1993, chapter 75.

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26 This resolve sets up a council whose initial priority is to
follow through on the commission's recommendations and see that
they are implemented. Its long-term priority is to develop
28 ongoing recommendations to enhance the future of the industry in
Maine. The council consists of 13 members, 11 appointed by the
30 Governor from state agencies and the various interest groups and
2 Legislators appointed by legislative leadership. The council
32 is to make a report on the implementation of the recommendations
of the study commission by February 15, 1996 and shall decide
34 annually whether it feels it desirable to continue its activities
for the next year. The council is to be staffed by the
36 Department of Economic and Community Development.