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House of Representatives, April 26, 1995

**Resolve, Directing the State Planning Office to Improve the
Coordination of State Agencies and Resources Involved in Projects
Having an Environmental Significance.**

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENEDIKT of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, GOULD of Greenville, KEANE of Old
Town, MAYO of Bath, POULIOT of Lewiston, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator: RAND of
Cumberland.

2 **Sec. 1. Establish coordinating mechanism. Resolved:** That the
State Planning Office establish a coordinating mechanism and
4 data-base tracking system for environmentally significant
projects that identify these projects in one of 3 categories as
6 follows:

8 **1. Complex environmental project.** This category includes
any project that requires extensive involvement of 3 or more
10 agencies to solve environmental issues. These projects are
coordinated by the State Planning Office;

12 **2. Major environmental projects.** This category includes
any project in which the primary involvement is within 2 agencies
14 to solve environmental issues. One agency is designated by the
projects in this category as the lead agency, which may provide
16 the coordination with any other agency involved; and

18 **3. Single agency environmental projects.** This category
includes any significant environmental project in which the
20 primary involvement is located within one agency that is the
agency responsible for all coordination of the project; and be it
22 further

24 **Sec. 2. Implementing legislation. Resolved:** That the State
Planning Office submit implementing legislation necessary to
26 carry out the purpose of this resolve to the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
28 resource matters no later than December 1, 1995. The committee
may report out a bill based on the proposals of the State
30 Planning Office.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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36 This resolve requires the State Planning Office to establish
a coordinating mechanism for environmentally significant projects
based on certain criteria.