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House of Representatives, January 14, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Methods to Reduce
Reliance on the Property Tax to Fund Education.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative McELROY of Unity.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study Methods to Reduce Reliance on the Property Tax to Fund
Education, referred in this resolve as the "commission," is
4 established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists
of 17 members, appointed as follows:

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10 1. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
and Cultural Affairs, one chosen by the President of the Senate
and one chosen by the Speaker of the House;

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14 2. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation,
one chosen by the President of the Senate and one chosen by the
Speaker of the House;

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18 3. The Commissioner of Education and the presidents or
executive directors of the Maine Education Association, the Maine
School Boards Association, the Maine Municipal Association and
20 the Maine School Superintendents' Association. The president or
executive director of any of these organizations may name a
22 person who is a member of the organization to serve in the
president's or executive director's place; and

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26 4. Eight members representing the public, appointed by the
Governor. Of these 8 members, one must be a certified public
28 accountant and 2 must be public policy faculty members from an
institution of higher education in Maine; and be it further

30 **Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
32 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council upon making their
34 appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete,
the chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the
36 first meeting of the commission no later than October 15, 1997.
The commission shall select a chair from among its legislative
38 members; and be it further

40 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall examine
alternative methods of financing state public education for
42 kindergarten through high school. In examining these issues, the
commission shall:

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46 1. Review models and methods that are employed by other
states to finance public education; and

48 2. Examine different methods of reducing reliance on local
property taxes to finance education; and be it further

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