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House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study Maine Forest Practices.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DEXTER of Kingfield.
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and
Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CLUKEY of Houlton, CROSS of
Dover-Foxcroft, PAUL of Sanford, PINKHAM of Lamoine, VIGUE of Winslow, WHEELER
of Bridgewater.

2 **Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That the Committee to
Study Maine's Forest Practices, referred to in this resolve as
the "committee," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved:** That the committee
6 consists of the following 9 members:

8 1. Three members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, appointed by the chairs
10 of that committee;

12 2. Three members who have expertise in forestry, appointed
by the Speaker of the House; and

14 3. Three members who have expertise in forestry, appointed
16 by the President of the Senate; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
20 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
22 authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days
of the appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative
24 Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the
committee. The committee shall select a chair from among its
26 members. If the committee requires an extension, it may apply to
the Legislative Council, which may grant an extension; and be it
28 further

30 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall:

32 1. Review and analyze current forest practices within the
State;

34 2. Examine forest practices in other states;

36 3. Obtain and analyze available United States Forestry
38 Service inventory data regarding trends in the sustainability and
structure of the forest; and

40 4. Establish a new forest policy for the State using, as a
42 baseline, the provisions set out in Public Law 1989, chapter 555,
"An Act to Implement Sound Forest Practices," and any amendments
44 to those provisions.

46 In conducting the study the committee may consult with
professionals in the forest industry; and be it further

