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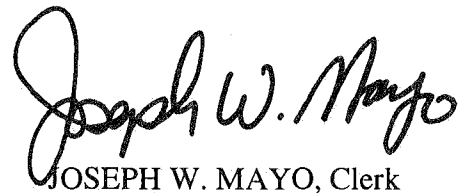
No. 1368

H.P. 988

House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

**Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Develop a Single Payment System for
State and Federal Taxes for Small Businesses.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, COLWELL of Gardiner, DEXTER of
Kingfield, McKEE of Wayne, MERES of Norridgewock, ROWE of Portland, Senators:
DAGGETT of Kennebec, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on
State and Federal Tax Filing, referred to in this resolve as the
"task force," is established; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of the following members appointed by the Governor:

8 1. Three representatives from the Bureau of Taxation, who
must have expertise in the areas of state income and sales
10 taxation;

12 2. One representative from the Department of Labor;

14 3. Three representatives from the business community;

16 4. One member of the House of Representatives;

18 5. One member of the Senate; and

20 6. One member of the Executive Branch of State Government.

22 The Governor shall also seek 3 representatives from the
Internal Revenue Service and one representative of the federal
24 Department of Labor to be members of the task force; and be it
further

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28 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments
must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date
of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative
30 Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the
selections have been made. Within 15 days after the appointment
32 of all members has been completed, the Chair of the Legislative
Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the task
34 force. The members shall select a chair from among the members;
and be it further

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38 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall develop a
mechanism for a single-form filing and payment system for state
and federal tax payments and withholdings for small businesses.
40 Tax filing of the following must be included in the study:
state sales tax, state and federal unemployment tax, state and
42 federal income tax withholding and social security and Medicare
payments; and be it further

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46 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the task force may
request staffing assistance from the Bureau of Taxation and the
Legislative Council; and be it further

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50 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That all members of the task
force are entitled to reimbursement for expenses as defined

2 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002 upon
application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
4 for those expenses; and be it further

6 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit its
report, which must include a plan to implement a single-form
8 filing and payment system for state and federal taxes for use by
small businesses, together with any necessary implementing
10 legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 119th
Legislature no later than December 1, 1999. If the task force
12 requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council,
which may grant the extension.

14 SUMMARY

16 This resolve establishes the Task Force on State and Federal
18 Tax Filing. The task force is directed to develop a plan to
implement a single-form filing and payment system for state and
20 federal taxes for use by small businesses.