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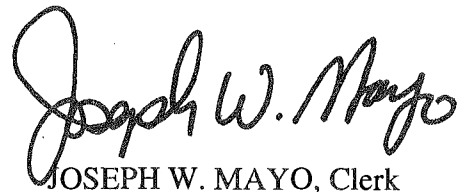
H.P. 1537

House of Representatives, January 26, 1998

Resolve, to Enhance the Economy and Tourism Industry in Hancock County and Western Washington County by Requiring the Implementation of the Biennial Transportation Improvement Program Regarding Shared Use of the Calais Branch Rail Line.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMPBELL of Holden, DRISCOLL of Calais, FISHER of Brewer, GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Sec. 1. Department of Transportation to implement program.

2 **Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall implement
4 those portions of the department's biennial transportation
6 improvement program that concerns the shared use of the Calais
8 branch rail line from funds and bond issue proceeds already
10 provided for the program. Implementation of the program must
provide for a 4-season recreational trail that runs parallel to
existing rail beds. The program must be implemented in a manner
that does not have an impact on existing rail beds. Thirty
percent of the program must be complete by December 31, 1998.

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SUMMARY

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16 This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to
18 implement those portions of its biennial transportation program
covering the shared use of the Calais branch rail line from
20 Brewer to Harrington in time for the 1999 tourist season.
Funding for the program is already available through bond
proceeds and allocations.