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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1774, "Joint Study Order to Establish a Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices"

Amend the order by striking out everything from the first indented paragraph to the end and inserting in its place the following:

'ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices is established as follows.

1. **Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices established.** The Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. **Committee membership.** The committee consists of 13 legislative members. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 10 members from the House of Representatives.

3. **Chairs.** The first Senate member named is the Senate chair and the first House member named is the House chair.

4. **Appointments; convening.** All appointments must be made no later than 10 days following the effective date of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have

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2 been made. When the appointment of all members has been  
completed, the chairs of the study commission shall call and  
4 convene the first meeting of the study commission no later than  
March 31, 2000.

6 **5. Duties.** The committee shall:

8 A. Gather information on the change of fuel oil prices;

10 B. Gather information on the change of gasoline prices; and

12 C. Study and gauge the effect and impact of these price  
changes on the people of the State.

14 **6. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative  
16 Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide  
necessary staffing services to the committee.

18 **7. Compensation.** Members of the committee are entitled to  
20 receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised  
Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and  
22 other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the  
committee.

24 **8. Report.** The committee shall submit a report along with  
26 any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on  
Transportation no later than November 1, 2000. The Joint  
28 Standing Committee on Transportation may introduce legislation  
during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. If  
30 the committee requires a limited extension of time to make its  
report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant  
32 the extension.

34 **9. Committee budget.** The chairs of the committee, with  
assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the  
36 committee budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the  
committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the  
38 Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not  
incur expenses that would result in the committee's exceeding its  
40 approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive  
Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's  
42 designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a  
status report on the committee budget, expenditures incurred and  
44 paid and available funds.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment is the majority report. It amends the joint order to change the method and requirements for appointment to the committee. Dates to convene the committee and for the committee to report its findings are also changed.