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S.P. 332

In Senate, February 4, 1999

**Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Feasibility of
Reestablishing a Brook Trout and Landlocked Salmon Hatchery in
Northern Maine.**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, LIBBY of York, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives:
CLARK of Millinocket, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, PINKHAM of Lamoine, SHERMAN of
Hodgdon, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study the Feasibility of Reestablishing a Brook Trout and
4 Landlocked Salmon Hatchery in Northern Maine, referred to in this
resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of the following 7 members:

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10 1. One majority party member of the Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appointed jointly by
the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House;

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14 2. One minority party member of the Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appointed jointly by
the Senate Minority Leader and House Minority Leader;

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18 3. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the
commissioner's designee;

20 4. One member of Trout Unlimited nominated by the president
of that organization and appointed by the Governor;

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24 5. One member of the Atlantic Salmon for Northern Maine
organization nominated by the president of that organization and
appointed by the Governor;

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28 6. One member of the Northern Maine Regional Planning
Commission nominated by the chair of that organization and
appointed by the Governor; and

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32 7. One member of the Aroostook River Advisory Board
nominated by the chair of that organization and appointed by the
Governor; and be it further

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36 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities must
38 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon
making their appointments. When the appointment of all members
40 is complete, the chair of the Legislative Council shall call and
convene the first meeting of the commission no later than October
42 15, 1999. The commission shall select a chair from among its
legislative members; and be it further

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46 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the
feasibility of reestablishing a brook trout and landlocked salmon
48 hatchery in Northern Maine, which was first established in
Caribou in 1893 and was later destroyed by the hurricane of 1964
and never replaced and, since then, the fishing stocks in

2 Northern Maine have been depleted so significantly that the
situation has reached disastrous proportions; and be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall
request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be
6 it further

8 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
commission are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other
10 necessary expenses upon application to the Legislative Council.
The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall
12 administer the commission's budget; and be it further

14 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
16 to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature no later
than January 1, 2000. If the commission requires an extension,
18 it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the
extension.

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SUMMARY

24 This resolve creates a study commission to study the
feasibility of reestablishing a brook trout and landlocked salmon
26 hatchery in Northern Maine. The commission must submit its
report and any accompanying legislation to the Second Regular
28 Session of the 119th Legislature.