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In Senate, February 25, 1999

Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Determine the Effectiveness and Quality of Care of In-home Care Services.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives:
ANDREWS of York, STEDMAN of Hartland.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to
Determine the Effectiveness and Quality of Care of In-home Care
4 Services, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is
established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists
of the following 6 members:

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- 10 A. One Legislator, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - 12 B. One Legislator, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - 14 C. Three people who are consumers of in-home care services,
appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; and
 - 16 D. One person who represents the home health care industry;
and be it further
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Sec. 3. Chair and officers. Resolved: That the task force shall
20 choose one of its members to serve as chair. The task force may
select other officers and designate their duties; and be it
22 further

24 **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
26 effective date of this resolve. The first meeting of the task
force must convene no later than October 1, 1999. The task force
28 may hold up to 6 meetings; and be it further

30 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall study the
following aspects of the acute and long-term home care industry:

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- 34 A. The extent to which the needs of the State's elderly
population are being served by the industry;
 - 36 B. The quality of services delivered by the industry;
 - 38 C. The outcomes of services delivered by the industry;
 - 40 D. The retention of staff and other issues related to
staffing, including wages and salaries;
 - 42 E. The costs of administering home health care; and
 - 44 F. The financial condition of the industry; and be it
46 further

48 **Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved:** Upon approval of the Legislative
Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
50 necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

