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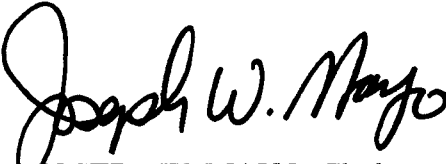
H.P. 1106

House of Representatives, March 2, 1999

**Resolve, Directing the Maine Forest Service to Examine the Excessive Cutting of Mature Maple Trees.**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROIS of Caribou.  
Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York and  
Representatives: O'NEAL of Limestone, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STANLEY of Medway,  
WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

2           **Sec. 1. Excessive cutting of mature maple trees. Resolved:** That  
the Department of Conservation, Maine Forest Service shall  
4 examine the issue of the excessive cutting of mature maple  
trees. This examination must include, but is not limited to:

6           1. The current condition, quantity and geographic  
distribution of mature maple trees in this State;

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10           2. A determination as to the rate at which mature maple  
trees are being cut and have been cut in the past 10 years;

12           3. The current and future need for mature maple trees by  
the maple syrup industry; and

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16           4. Strategies to ensure an adequate number of mature maple  
trees for the maple syrup industry in the future.

18           The Maine Forest Service shall report its findings to the  
Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and  
20 Forestry no later than December 1, 1999.

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**SUMMARY**

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26           This resolve requires the Department of Conservation, Maine  
Forest Service to examine the issue of the excessive cutting of  
mature maple trees and report to the Joint Standing Committee on  
28 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 1,  
1999.