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S.P. 539

In Senate, March 2, 1999

**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Environmental Protection and the
Department of Economic and Community Development to Devise a
Proposal for Long-term Funding of the Removal of Tire Dumps.**

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources 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 SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham and
Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Representative: SCHNEIDER of Durham.

2 **Whereas,** uncontrolled tire stockpiles in the State pose a
significant public health and safety risk as well as a
4 significant threat to the environment; and

6 **Whereas,** the risks associated with uncontrolled tire
stockpiles in the State demand a comprehensive plan to abate
those stockpiles and reduce the risk to the public and the
8 environment; and

10 **Whereas,** the State is presently limited in its ability to
contract with companies that conduct tire removal and site
12 remediation activities; and

14 **Whereas,** the limitations on entering long-term contracts
with tire abatement and site remediation contractors have
16 interfered with tire abatement and remediation projects; and

18 **Whereas,** it is in the best interest of the State to develop
a plan that will encourage and enable private contractors to
20 undertake long-term tire abatement and remediation projects; now,
therefore, be it
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Sec. 1. Long-term funding plan for the removal of tire dumps.

24 **Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and
the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall
26 devise a system for entering into long-term contracts with tire
abatement and site remediation contractors, including mechanisms
28 to ensure funding of the clean-up and reclamation activities. The
commissioners shall report the findings of this investigation and
30 recommendations to support the long-term cleanup and funding to
the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 15,
32 2000. The commissioners' report must also identify any statutory
or regulatory changes necessary to permit the Department of
34 Environmental Protection to enter into long-term contracts with
tire abatement and site remediation contractors and mechanisms to
36 ensure funding of the clean-up and reclamation activities. The
Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out
38 legislation based upon the report to the Second Regular Session
of the 119th Legislature.
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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This resolve requires the Commissioner of Environmental
Protection and the Commissioner of Economic and Community
46 Development to devise a system for entering into long-term
contracts with tire abatement and site remediation contractors.