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House of Representatives, March 16, 1999

Resolve, to Study Issues Related to the Muzzle-loading Season.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BUMPS of China.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DUNLAP of Old Town,
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

2 **Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved:** That the
Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall, within
4 existing resources, convene a study group to review the current
laws, rules and policies concerning the muzzle-loading season.
6 Specifically, the study group shall make recommendations to
improve, clarify or otherwise change the laws, rules and policies
concerning the muzzle-loading season including:

8 1. The intent of the muzzle-loading season;

10 2. Determining what types of firearms may be used during
12 the muzzle-loading season and an accurate description of those
firearms;

14 3. Determining what types of firearm enhancements may be
16 used during the muzzle-loading season;

18 4. The impact of the muzzle-loading season on the hunting
season and on the deer population; and

20 5. Other issues of concern that are relevant to the study
22 group; and be it further

24 **Sec. 2. Selection of chair. Resolved:** That the study group shall
select a chair from among the members at the first meeting; and
26 be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Public hearings. Resolved:** That the study group shall
hold public hearings at various locations throughout the State to
30 solicit public comment on the issues related to the
muzzle-loading season that are to be addressed by the study
32 group. The locations for the public hearings may be selected
upon current Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
34 divisions or regions throughout the State; and be it further

36 **Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide staffing and clerical
38 support to the study group. The department may also request
drafting assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it
40 further

42 **Sec. 5. Report; legislation. Resolved:** That the study group
shall submit its report and any necessary legislation to the
44 Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by
February 1, 2000. If the study group requires an extension, it
46 may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the
extension.

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SUMMARY

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4 This resolve authorizes a study within existing resources of
the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to address
various issues relating to the muzzle-loading season.