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S.P. 454

In Senate, March 8, 2001

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Ways to Improve
Transportation for Senior Citizens.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation 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 MARTIN of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco and
President MICHAUD of Penobscot, Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representative:
FULLER of Manchester.

2 **Sec. 1. Study commission established. Resolved:** That the
Commission to Study Ways to Improve Transportation for Senior
Citizens, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is
4 established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of the following 11 members:

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10 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of
the Senate;

12 2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by
the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

14 3. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:

16 A. Two representatives of local area agencies on aging;

18 B. Two representatives from the Maine Council of Senior
20 Citizens;

22 C. Two persons who are school superintendents; and

24 D. One representative of commercial transportation
26 providers; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Appointments; chairs; meeting. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
30 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all
the appointments have been made. The first named Senator is the
Senate chair and the first named House of Representatives member
32 is the House chair. The chairs shall call the first meeting of
the commission no later than 30 days after all the appointments
34 have been made; and be it further

36 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the
38 public and private transportation programs and services currently
available to senior citizens in the State, identify and
40 prioritize needs in all areas of the State and make
recommendations on the funding and implementation of pilot
42 programs in 2 rural areas of the State that use school buses to
transport senior citizens when those school buses are not
44 otherwise being used by the school that owns them; and be it
further

46 **Sec. 5. Staff Assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the
48 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and
50 be it further

2 **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the
4 legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other
6 necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission.
Public members who are not otherwise compensated by their
8 employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to
receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for attendance at
10 meetings of the commission; and be it further

12 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a
final report along with any recommended legislation to the Second
14 Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than December
5, 2001. If the commission requires a limited extension of time
16 to conclude its study and make its report, it may apply to the
Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it
18 further

20 **Sec. 8. Commission budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the
commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall
22 administer the commission budget. Within 10 days after its first
meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and proposed
24 budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The
commission may not incur expenses that would result in the
26 commission exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the
commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or
28 the executive director's designee shall provide the commission
chairs and staff with a status report on the commission budget,
30 expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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SUMMARY

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36 This resolve creates the 11-member Commission to Study Ways
to Improve Transportation for Senior Citizens. The commission is
38 directed to study the public and private transportation programs
and services currently available to senior citizens in the State,
40 identify and prioritize needs in all areas of the State and make
recommendations on the funding and implementation of pilot
42 programs in 2 rural areas of the State that use school buses to
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