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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 513, L.D. 1632, "Resolve, Directing the Maine Science and Technology Foundation to Determine the Physical Condition of Information Technology Infrastructure in the State"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the 2nd indented paragraph after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. State Economist and Chief Information Officer to determine technological, economic and public policy challenges and opportunities for deployment of broadband information technology to all parts of State. Resolved: That the State Economist and the Chief Information Officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall determine the technological, economic and public policy challenges and opportunities for the deployment of broadband information technology infrastructure to all parts of the State; and be it further

Sec. 2. Working group and advisory panel. Resolved: That the Telecommunications Working Group, referred to in this resolve as the "working group," is established.

1. The working group consists of the following:

A. The Chief Information Officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, who shall serve as the chair of the working group;

B. The State Economist;

- 2 C. The Director of Operations and Technology, Office of the
Governor; and
- 4 D. The President of the Maine Science and Technology
6 Foundation or the president's designee.
- 8 2. An advisory panel, referred to in this resolve as the
"advisory panel," is established to provide information and
10 advice to the working group members. The advisory panel consists
of the following 17 members:
- 12 A. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or
14 the commissioner's designee;
- 16 B. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
designee;
- 18 C. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the
20 chancellor's designee;
- 22 D. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee;
- 24 E. The chair of the Public Utilities Commission or the
chair's designee;
- 26 F. Two representatives from regional or county economic
28 development organizations in the State, appointed by the
chair of the working group;
- 30 G. A member of the Board of Directors of the Maine Science
32 and Technology Foundation, designated by the board;
- 34 H. A member of the Board of Directors of the Telephone
Association of Maine or that member's designee, appointed by
36 the chair of the working group;
- 38 I. A member of the Maine Telecommunications Users Group or
that member's designee, appointed by the chair of the
40 working group;
- 42 J. Four representatives of the telecommunications and
Internet service providers industry, appointed by the chair
44 of the working group;
- 46 K. A member of the board of the Electronic Commerce Forum
of Maine, appointed by the chair of the working group;
- 48 L. The Executive Director of the Maine Rural Development
50 Council or the executive director's designee; and

2 M. The State Director of the United States Department of
4 Agriculture's Rural Development Program in this State or the
director's designee; and be it further

6 **Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Economic
and Community Development or the commissioner's designee is the
8 chair of the advisory panel; and be it further

10 **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
12 effective date of this resolve. When the appointment of all
members has been completed, the chair of the working group shall
14 call and convene the first meeting of the working group and the
advisory panel. Notice of all meetings must be given to the
16 Executive Director of the Legislative Council and chairs of the
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and
18 the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy; and be it
further

20 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group, in carrying
22 out the purposes of this resolve, shall perform the following
duties:

24 1. Identify specific geographic areas where advanced
26 telecommunications capability is deployed at a significantly
lower rate than the rest of the State;

28 2. Study the following:

30 A. The investment in telecommunications facilities with
32 advanced capabilities in rural areas, including an
assessment of the various levels of capability deployed
34 under different technologies, the bandwidth capabilities of
the deployment and whether or not comparable bandwidth is
36 deployed consistently;

38 B. The availability of telecommunications backbone networks
and "last mile" facilities with advanced capability in
40 potentially underserved areas;

42 C. The technological, economic and public policy barriers to
the wide deployment of broad bandwidth to all parts of the
44 State;

46 D. The capability of various technological enhancements to
existing wired and wireless networks to provide "last mile"
48 advanced telecommunications capability in rural areas; and

2 E. The feasibility of various technological alternatives to
provide "last mile" advanced telecommunications capability
in rural areas; and

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6 3. Identify successful strategies that have been implemented
in other states and regions to deploy advanced telecommunications
capability to rural areas; and be it further

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10 **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
working group and the advisory panel serve without compensation;
and be it further

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14 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the working group, after
considering the information and advice provided to it by the
advisory panel, shall conclude its work and report its findings
16 and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Business
and Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on
18 Utilities and Energy no later than December 5, 2001. The Joint
Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and the
20 Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may report out
legislation pursuant to this resolve to the Second Regular
22 Session of the 120th Legislature. Upon submission of the
required report, the working group and advisory panel terminate.'

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26 **FISCAL NOTE**

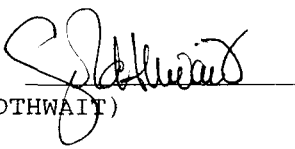
28 The amendment removes legislative membership on the advisory
panel and eliminates the need for an additional General Fund
30 appropriation to the Legislature.

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment provides for a chair of the working group,
removes Legislators as members of the advisory panel and provides
for appointment of public members of the advisory panel by the
38 chair of the working group. It requires notice of meetings to be
given to the Legislature. The amendment removes the
40 appropriation section relating to legislative members. The
amendment also changes the report date from December 31, 2001 to
42 December 5, 2001. The amendment also ensures appropriate

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participation by both joint standing committees of the
Legislature having potential jurisdiction over the subject matter.

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