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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1286

House of Representatives, March 27, 2001

**Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Review Internet Policy.**

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Reported by Representative RICHARDSON for the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1155.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

2           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission  
to Review Internet Policy, referred to in this resolve as the  
"commission," is established; and be it further

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6           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
consists of 11 members who are appointed as follows:

8           1. Two members of the Senate, one who is a member of the  
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and  
10 one who is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities  
and Energy, appointed by the President of the Senate;

12           2. Four members of the House, two who are members of the  
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and  
14 two who are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities  
and Energy, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives;

18           3. One representative of the Internet provider industry,  
20 appointed by the President of the Senate;

22           4. One representative of a Maine-based company providing  
commercial services over the Internet, appointed by the Speaker  
24 of the House of Representatives;

26           5. One representative of the Maine Software Developers  
Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives;

30           6. One representative of the telecommunications industry,  
appointed by the President of the Senate; and

32           7. One representative of the cable television industry,  
34 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be  
it further

36           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member  
38 is the Senate chair. The first named House member is the House  
chair; and be it further

40           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening meetings. Resolved:** That all  
42 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
effective date of this Act. The appointing authorities shall  
44 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon  
making their appointments. When the appointment of all members  
46 is complete, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting  
of the commission; and be it further

48           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study  
50 issues relating to the Internet, including the following:

1. Internet users' concerns about privacy of information collected on the Internet by commercial publicly accessible Internet sites;

2. Coordination of the State's Internet policy-making structures; and

3. Other issues that relate to the commercial uses of the Internet described in the charge to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy, created by Resolve 1999, chapter 89 and amended by Public Law 1999, chapter 762; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That Legislators who are members of the commission are entitled to receive legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature by November 1, 2001. If the commission requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

## SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission to Review Internet Policy. The 11-member commission is charged with studying issues related to the commercial uses of information on the Internet.