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In Senate, January 30, 2003

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife To Allow a Well and Waterline Easement**

(EMERGENCY)

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 WOODCOCK of Franklin.

2 **Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23
4 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or
6 recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially
8 altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each
10 House.

12 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
14 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
16 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

18 **Whereas,** the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
20 holds a conservation easement on a parcel of land adjacent to the
22 Rangeley River in Rangeley; and

24 **Whereas,** the conservation easement was acquired from the
26 Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust with funds from the Land for
28 Maine's Future Fund; and

30 **Whereas,** the Oquossoc Standard Water District desires to
32 install one or more wells on the parcel of land to provide water
34 to the Village of Oquossoc in the Town of Rangeley; and

36 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
38 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
40 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
42 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
44 safety; now, therefore, be it

46 **Sec. 1. Authority to convey easement. Resolved:** That, in
48 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section
50 6209, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is
authorized to enter into an amendment of the conservation
easement that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
holds in the Rangeley River conservation corridor and that was
acquired with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The
purpose of the amendment is to allow the Oquossoc Standard Water
District to drill for water within 20 feet of the existing
waterline on the property, to construct one or more wells within
20 feet of the existing waterline on the property and to connect
the wells to the existing waterline in order to provide potable
water to the Village of Oquossoc in the Town of Rangeley.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

 This resolve authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to enter into an amendment of the conservation

2 easement in the Rangeley River conservation corridor. The
3 purpose of the amendment is to allow the Oquossoc Standard Water
4 District to develop a potable water supply for the Village of
5 Oquossoc in the Town of Rangeley.