

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 346

In Senate, February 25, 2003

**Resolve, To Provide Emergency Relief for the Schools in East
Millinocket**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 STANLEY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative DUPREY of Medway and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Falmouth, FISCHER of Presque Isle.

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

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6 **Whereas,** East Millinocket is in dire need of funds because
of outstanding taxes owed to that town by Great Northern Paper,
Inc.; and

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10 **Whereas,** if the funds are not provided immediately, the
schools in East Millinocket may be forced to close their doors;
and

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

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20 **Sec. 1. Contingent repayment of emergency funding. Resolved:**
That, if Great Northern Paper, Inc. or its successor in title
remits to the Town of East Millinocket the outstanding property
22 taxes owed by that entity to the town, the Town of East
Millinocket shall return to the State the amount appropriated in
24 section 2; and be it further

26 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the
following appropriations and allocations are made.

28 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,**
30 **DEPARTMENT OF**

32 **Miscellaneous Acts and Resolves**

34 Initiative: Provides funds on a one-time basis for the Town of
East Millinocket to pay for the local share of the cost of
36 kindergarten to grade 12 education in fiscal year 2002-03 due to
Great Northern Paper, Inc. not paying its taxes to the town.

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General Fund	2002-03
40 All Other	\$2,000,000
42 General Fund Total	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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

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SUMMARY

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4 This resolve provides emergency funding in the amount of
6 \$2,000,000 to the Town of East Millinocket to pay for the local
8 share of the cost of public schooling due to the outstanding
 property taxes owed to the town by Great Northern Paper, Inc.
 The town is required to repay the funds to the State if Great
 Northern Paper, Inc. or its successor in title remits the
 outstanding property taxes owed.