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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

24th Legislative Day

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Calling of the House to Order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Honorable Margaret M. Craven, Lewiston.

National Anthem by Brien Hoye, Portland.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, George Davis, M.D., Augusta.

Reading of the Journal of Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

John Richardson, Speaker

Millicent M. MacFarland, Clerk

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(4-2) On motion of Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford, the following Joint Resolution: (H.P. 949) (Cosponsored by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish, Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BROWN of South Berwick, BURNS of Berwick, CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, COLLINS of Wells, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CROSBY of Topsham, FISHER of Brewer, GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, JACKSON of Fort Kent, JACOBSEN of Waterboro, JOY of Crystal, LERMAN of Augusta, LEWIN of Eliot, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, MAKAS of Lewiston, MAZUREK of Rockland, NASS of Acton, PARADIS of Frenchville, PERRY of Calais, PINEAU of Jay, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SMITH of Monmouth, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of Kittery) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214)

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY HOME HEATING FUNDS TO MAINE CITIZENS

WHEREAS, our Nation is now in a declared state of war against terrorism, and many of our resources are being used for that fight; and

WHEREAS, billions of dollars are being allocated to the war in Iraq and to Afghanistan to combat terrorists and to engage in nation-building; and

WHEREAS, the war against terrorism has had a direct impact on the price of fuel, especially home heating fuels; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has a northern climate, with very cold winters, and is known for having some of the coldest temperatures in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, the average annual income for the State of Maine is below the national average, and Maine has one of the highest percentages of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has a high percentage of senior citizens within 200% of the poverty level and has a high percentage of citizens on Medicare and Medicaid and with fixed incomes, a population segment that can least afford rising fuel prices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, respectfully request that the President of the United States and the United States Congress appropriate an emergency allotment of \$10,000,000 to assist the home heating program in the State of Maine and take this money out of the money currently being sent overseas for the war on terrorism; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.