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Resolve, Regarding Nonnative Invasive Marine Species

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: ASH of Belfast, EBERLE of South Portland, FLETCHER of Winslow,
KAELIN of Winterport, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, PERCY of Phippsburg, RECTOR of
Thomaston, THOMPSON of China.

2 **Sec. 1. Nonnative invasive marine species. Resolved:** That the
3 State and all appropriate agencies of State Government shall
4 participate in the development of state and regional strategies
5 to prevent introduction of nonnative invasive marine species into
6 the coastal waters of the State and the greater Gulf of Maine
7 ecosystem and to work to eliminate or mitigate the negative
8 impact of the nonnative invasive marine species where
9 introduced. All appropriate state agencies involved with
10 managing or studying Maine's marine environment, its harvests and
11 its related commerce are encouraged to prevent the introduction
12 of nonnative invasive marine species and to work to eliminate or
13 mitigate their negative impacts by continuing to develop
14 science-based strategies and promoting collaborative problem
15 solving with other appropriate agencies and governments; and be
16 it further

17 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine
18 Resources in consultation with the Department of Environmental
19 Protection shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on
20 Natural Resources by February 1, 2006 concerning the nature and
21 extent of the problem of nonnative invasive marine species in
22 Maine waters. The departments shall submit a brief summary of
23 issues and efforts to control nonnative invasive marine species
24 in the New England area, a description of the existing legal
25 framework for regulation of ballast discharges, any
26 recommendations for changes to Maine law to better address
27 ballast discharges and other issues related to nonnative invasive
28 marine species. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural
29 Resources has the authority to report out a bill regarding
30 nonnative invasive marine species to the Second Regular Session
31 of the 122nd Legislature.

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SUMMARY

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35 This resolve requires all the appropriate agencies in the
36 State to participate in the development of practices and
37 procedures to ensure that nonnative invasive marine species are
38 not introduced by ships entering the Gulf of Maine.

39 This resolve also requires the Department of Marine
40 Resources in consultation with the Department of Environmental
41 Protection to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on
42 Natural Resources by February 1, 2006 on issues related to
43 nonnative invasive marine species.
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