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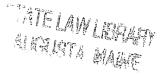
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## 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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S.P. 163

In Senate, February 10, 2009

Resolve, To Evaluate Climate Change Adaptation Options for the State

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative EBERLE of South Portland and
Senator: RECTOR of Knox, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, FITTS of Pittsfield,
FLETCHER of Winslow, HINCK of Portland, PERCY of Phippsburg, PIEH of Bremen,
SMITH of Monmouth.

7. Human health, including increases in heat-related and vector-borne diseases;

fires and a lack of biomass availability;

6. Agricultural and farming practices;

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Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That by February 27, 2010 the department shall report recommendations related to the evaluation under this resolve, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The recommendations must be organized by the affected natural resource and economic sectors and may include proposals for legislation, modifications to existing rules and

specific initiatives for one or more agencies to undertake in collaboration with stakeholder organizations to implement the recommendations. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources is authorized to submit legislation related to the report

to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and be it further

9. Emergency response systems and planning; and be it further

Sec. 4. Funding of report. Resolved: That the department is authorized to accept public and private funds for the costs incurred to prepare the report under section 3. All funds received for these purposes must be deposited into the Maine Environmental Protection Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 351 and must be used exclusively for purposes related to the preparation of this report.

## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to create a stakeholder group to evaluate the options available to Maine people and businesses for adapting to the most likely impacts of climate change and to focus on the climate impact assessment by the University of Maine that concluded that climate change is already occurring in the State as a result of increased levels of greenhouse gases in the The department is to report recommendations, along with proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by February 27, 2010.