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In Senate, March 5, 2009

**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reform of
Taxes and Spending in Maine**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Taxation 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 BOWMAN of York.

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

3 **Whereas,** the Commission To Study the Reform of Taxes and Spending in Maine is
4 established in this resolve; and

5 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
6 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
7 legislative session; and

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

12 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
13 the Reform of Taxes and Spending in Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the
14 commission," is established; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
16 9 members appointed as follows:

- 17 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 18 2. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- 19 3. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
20 House;
- 21 4. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the House Minority
22 Leader; and
- 23 5. Three members of the public having expertise in taxation and budgeting,
24 appointed by the Governor; and be it further

25 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first Senate member named by the President
26 of the Senate is the Senate chair of the commission and the first House of Representatives
27 member named by the Speaker of the House is the House chair of the commission; and be
28 it further

29 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
30 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
31 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
32 Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment
33 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission,
34 which must be no later than 60 days following the effective date of this resolve; and be it
35 further

