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In Senate, March 25, 2009

**Resolve, To Facilitate the Creation and Expansion of Certain
Business Sectors**

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative CLEARY of Houlton and
Senators: RECTOR of Knox, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, HUNT
of Buxton, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MARTIN of Orono, PRESCOTT of Topsham, SMITH
of Monmouth.

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Sec. 1. Removal of regulatory barriers for identified business sectors.
Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall identify 3 business sectors in this State, such as wind power development and aquaculture, and convene a working group of representatives of those identified sectors. The working group shall identify problems in the regulatory process that impede the development or expansion of those business sectors. Following identification of the impediments, the working group shall consult with the agencies in charge of regulation of those industries and coordinate feedback from the Executive Department, State Planning Office, Maine Regulatory Fairness Board to determine solutions, including streamlining the regulatory process, to those identified impediments.

The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, along with legislation necessary to overcome the identified impediments, no later than December 15, 2009 to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on the recommendations of the department's report.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to identify 3 business sectors and convene a working group of representatives of those sectors to identify barriers in the development or expansion of those sectors and solutions for the removal of those barriers.