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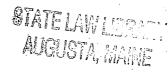
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H.P. 989

House of Representatives, April 7, 2009

Resolve, To Implement Select Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative COHEN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: GILES of Belfast, HUNT of Buxton, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of
Monmouth, Senators: COURTNEY of York, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RECTOR of Knox,
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

1 2		Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4		Whereas, the Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity issued its final report in January 2008; and
5 6 7		Whereas, the committee's report recommended a wide variety of strategies and actions designed to improve the State's economy and support greater prosperity for all citizens of the State; and
8		Whereas, the committee's report specifically called for an improved business climate in the State; and
10 11 12		Whereas, the committee's report acknowledged that it was critical that state agencies work to improve relationships with the business community and eliminate adversarial relationships; and
13 14 15		Whereas, the committee's report specifically recommended that the Governor direct all state agencies to reinvent themselves and how they interact with businesses in the State in order to provide a consistent, efficient and effective regulatory environment; and
16 17 18		Whereas, the committee's report called for regulatory reform that achieves goals in a manner that minimizes unnecessary and unproductive conflicts and redundancies for the regulated community; and
19 20		Whereas, this resolve needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for the report required in this legislation to be completed in a timely fashion; and
21 22 23 24		Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it
25 26 27		Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission To Improve the Business Climate, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further
28 29	7	Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 8 members appointed as follows:
30		1. One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate;
31 32		2. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
33 34		3. The chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development; and

of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

and Economic Development is authorized to introduce a bill related to the subject matter

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