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House of Representatives, April 9, 2013

Resolve, To Establish a Moratorium on the Transportation of Tar Sands

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, COOPER of Yarmouth, DEVIN of Newcastle,
HAMANN of South Portland, HARLOW of Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland,
McGOWAN of York, MORRISON of South Portland.

1 **Sec. 1. Two-year moratorium on the transportation of petroleum**
2 **products derived from bituminous sands established. Resolved:** That a 2-year
3 moratorium from the effective date of this resolve is established on the transportation in
4 the State of petroleum products derived from bituminous sands, including transportation
5 by road, rail, water and pipeline; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection to study effects of**
7 **transportation of petroleum products derived from bituminous sands.**
8 **Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection shall study the potential
9 effects on the State of the transportation of petroleum products derived from bituminous
10 sands, including the effects on the health and safety of the public and the environment
11 and the potential costs of remediation of an oil spill. The study must be conducted within
12 the existing resources of the Department of Environmental Protection; and be it further

13 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 31, 2014, the Department
14 of Environmental Protection shall report the results of the study under section 2 and any
15 suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural
16 Resources. The Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources may
17 submit a bill based upon the study to the Second Regular Session of the 126th
18 Legislature.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This resolve establishes a 2-year moratorium on the transportation of petroleum
21 products derived from bituminous sands, also known as tar sands, and directs the
22 Department of Environmental Protection to study the potential effects on the State of the
23 transportation of petroleum products derived from bituminous sands, including the effects
24 on the health and safety of the public and the environment and the potential cost of
25 remediation of an oil spill.