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In Senate, March 21, 2017

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**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Phase-out of  
Subminimum Wage**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative PARKER of South Berwick and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, DEVIN of Newcastle, FAY of Raymond,  
GOLDEN of Lewiston, HAMANN of South Portland, PERRY of Calais.

1           **Sec. 1. Commission To Study the Phase-out of Subminimum Wage**  
2 **established; definition. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the  
3 Commission To Study the Phase-out of Subminimum Wage, referred to in this resolve as  
4 "the commission," is established. As used in this resolve, "phase-out of the subminimum  
5 wage" means the increase in the minimum cash wage paid to a tipped service employee  
6 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 664, subsection 2; and be it  
7 further

8           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
9 8 members appointed as follows:

10           1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and one  
11 member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The  
12 members appointed pursuant to this subsection must be from each of the 2 parties holding  
13 the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

14           2. A restaurateur who is opposed to the phase-out of the subminimum wage,  
15 appointed by the President of the Senate;

16           3. A restaurant worker who is opposed to the phase-out of the subminimum wage,  
17 appointed by the President of the Senate;

18           4. A member of an association that represents the restaurant industry, appointed by  
19 the President of the Senate;

20           5. A restaurateur who is supportive of the phase-out of the subminimum wage,  
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

22           6. A restaurant worker who is supportive of the phase-out of the subminimum wage,  
23 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

24           7. A member of an organization that represents workers' rights, appointed by the  
25 Speaker of the House; and be it further

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

30           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
31 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
32 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
33 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,  
34 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more  
35 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been  
36 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority  
37 for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

