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**Resolve, Directing Coordinated State Agencies To Negotiate with
the Governing Leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and
Montreal Pipe Line Limited for Sustainability-centered
Repurposing of Stranded and At-risk Infrastructure Assets in
Maine**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South
Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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,** this legislation needs to take effect before the end of the 90-day period in
4 order that the negotiations described in the legislation may begin as soon as possible; and

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

9 **Sec. 1. Coordinated state agencies to negotiate with the governing**
10 **leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line**
11 **Limited for sustainability-centered repurposing of stranded and at-risk**
12 **infrastructure assets in Maine. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and
13 Community Development, the Governor's Energy Office, the Department of
14 Environmental Protection, the Bureau of Land Resources within the Department of
15 Environmental Protection, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and the Public
16 Utilities Commission in coordination shall negotiate directly with the executive and board
17 leaderships of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited parent
18 companies Suncor Energy, Shell Oil Company and Imperial Oil Limited a proposal for
19 repurposing the Portland-Montreal pipeline and related real estate holdings in the State.
20 The proposal, building on the sustainability language promulgated by the companies,
21 must include a redevelopment strategy and revenue model acceptable to those companies'
22 investors in accordance with the companies' own sustainability goals. The asset to be
23 addressed by the proposal is the pipeline itself, which is to be repurposed as a conduit for
24 high-voltage electric transmission lines such as those that serve Hydro-Quebec and which
25 will act as a timely alternative to the proposed New England Clean Energy Connect
26 transmission project.

27 Under the proposal, existing Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line
28 Limited employees would have their efforts directed toward the technical and
29 management opportunities created by implementation of the proposal.

30 The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement
31 and Business shall appoint a project liaison or project liaisons to coordinate the proposal
32 over a 6-month period, which may be extended as needed. The scope of project
33 coordination undertaken by the project liaison or project liaisons may include
34 coordination with state agencies and local jurisdictions as well as coordination with land
35 use regulators in New Hampshire, Vermont and the provincial government of Quebec,
36 Canada.

37 **Sec. 2. Moratorium. Resolved:** That a state agency may not issue any further
38 permits related to the New England Clean Energy Connect transmission project before
39 the proposal under section 1 is complete, as determined by the Department of Economic
40 and Community Development.

