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House of Representatives, March 17, 1959 Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bacon of Sidney.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Providing for a Study of Maine's Economy Structure.

Study of economic structure of State authorized. Resolved: That, in the interests of making available to the Legislature relevant and necessary information concerning the economic structure of the State which directly or indirectly bears upon the future equitable distribution of the state's tax burden among the people of the State, a survey be made of the economic structure of the State of Maine; that such survey shall study and evaluate the agricultural, industrial, recreational and fishery economies of the State, including an investigation and appraisal of the natural resources, labor resources and transportation facilities of the State, and other such matters as may be necessary for the purpose of providing ways and means to stimulate and strengthen the state's economic structure; and be it further

Resolved: That all state officers and employees be directed to cooperate fully with the committee and staff making such survey and to afford to them prompt access to all necessary records and reports; and be it further

Resolved: That a report of such survey be prepared, including the recommendations made and the reasons therefor, and that said report be delivered to the Governor and Members of the 100th Legislature; and be it further

Resolved: That the committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional assistance and such clerical personnel as it, in its judgment, may determine within the limits of funds provided; and be it further

Resolved: That the committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than once each month, for the discharge of its

functions; that all members of the committee, not employees of the State nor members of the Legislature, shall be entitled to \$15 per diem and actual expenses for their services when engaged in the official business of the committee; and be it further

Resolved: That a special committee be appointed consisting of 8 members jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to be made up as follows: 2 professional economists, one banker, one recreational expert, one forestry expert, I representative of agriculture, I industry representative and one representative citizen; one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; one member of the House to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated to the committee from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 to carry out its study and investigation of the economic structure of the State; and be it further

Resolved: That any unexpended balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished.