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STATE OF MAINE
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JOINT RESOLUTIONS

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SALVAGE AND PRESERVATION OF ARTIFACTS FROM REVOLUTIONARY WAR SHIPWRECKS IN MAINE WATERS

Whereas, Maine's coastal and tidal waters are known to contain the sunken wreckage of at least 40 American naval vessels of the Revolutionary War; and

Whereas, these wrecks constitute the single greatest repository of American Revolutionary artifacts known to exist anywhere in North America; and

Whereas, the location of several such wrecks has been found on the eve of our National Revolutionary Bicentennial Observance; and

Whereas, the Maine State Museum, under existing law, is responsible for the recovery and preservation of such artifacts and with the assistance of others has begun salvage operations; and

Whereas, broad support of this worthy project is desirable to make these artifacts available in a timely manner for research purposes, for public exhibition, and for educational use; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the One Hundred and Sixth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in special session, being ever mindful of our great heritage and serious obligations of our State on this, the eve of our National Revolutionary Bicentennial Observance, take this opportunity to publicly endorse efforts which will lead to the timely recovery and preservation of American Revolutionary Artifacts discovered along our coast and trust the several departments and agencies of the State will assist and cooperate insofar as possible in the recovery and presentation of these artifacts to the custody of the Maine State Museum for their safekeeping and widespread display; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Resolution be prepared and transmitted forthwith to all departments and agencies of the State calling this important objective to their attention.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

January 16, 1974

Sent Up for Concurrence

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

January 17, 1974

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four

JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

Whereas, the 92nd Congress of the United States of America at its second Session, in both Houses, by a Constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America in the following words, to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION

“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE

“Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

“Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

“Section 3. This Amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification,” now, therefore, be it

Resolved: By the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 106th Legislature, that such proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be and the same is hereby ratified; and be it further

Resolved: That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Administrator of General Services, Washington, D. C., and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

House of Representatives

On Motion of Mr. Curtis of Orono

Read and Adopted

January 17, 1974

Sent Up for Concurrence

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Adopted

January 18, 1974

In Concurrence

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

Motion to Reconsider Lost

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT,
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MAINE
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO WITHDRAW
FOOD STAMP REGULATION NO. 1975-1.2

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the President, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Maine Congressional Delegation, as follows:

Whereas, the administration in Washington through the Department of Agriculture has proposed Regulation Amendment Notice FSD No. 1975-1.2 to take effect March 1, 1975; and

Whereas, this amendment will result in a significant change in the Federal Food Stamp Program by requiring all eligible recipients to pay a flat 30% of their net incomes in order to purchase food stamps; and

Whereas, such a change will force almost 95% of all food stamp recipients to pay more for the same amount of stamps; and

Whereas, those people most adversely affected will be families with net monthly incomes of less than \$100 and elderly households of one or two people, particularly recipients of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program; and

Whereas, all single person households with net incomes above \$154 will be effectively eliminated from the Food Stamp Program; and

Whereas, some persons living below the poverty level will be denied food stamps; and

Whereas, this amendment will reduce the current Food Stamp Program by \$325,000,000; and

Whereas, unemployment, which rises fastest for those with the lowest incomes, is now 8% in Maine and is projected to rise to 9.5 - 10% in the coming months; and

Whereas, given Maine's depressed economic condition, 20% of the State's population is eligible for food stamps and it is projected that 25% of Maine's population will be eligible by the end of 1975; and

Whereas, food prices are expected to rise by another 15 - 20% in 1975, thereby further devaluing food stamps; and

Whereas, the Federal Government and the Ford administration should be employing the Food Stamp Program as a cushion for financially depressed Americans; and

Whereas, the increasing desperate economic conditions of our country do not justify making low income and unemployed people sacrifice beyond their abilities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, respectfully oppose the implementation of Regulation Amendment Notice FSP No. 1975-1.2 and firmly recommend and urge the U. S. Department of Agriculture to reconsider its proposed action and withdraw the amendment prior to its effective date of March 1, 1975; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted immediately to the Honorable Gerald Ford, President of the United States, to Earl Butz, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to P. Royal Shipp, Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Services, USDA, Washington, D. C. and to all Members of the Maine Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Resolution, urging similar action, be transmitted to the other 49 state legislatures in the United States.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

January 14, 1975

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

January 15, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

H. P. 151

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
CONGRESS AND THE MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO OPPOSE INCREASED TAXES ON OIL

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, the United States Congress will soon consider legislation to promote energy conservation; and

Whereas, among these proposals will be a measure proposed by the President to increase the tax on oil by \$1 per barrel for 3 months; and

Whereas, the State of Maine is far more dependent on oil as a source of energy than is most of the nation; and

Whereas, approximately 90% of Maine's energy is produced by oil; and

Whereas, Maine uses 48 barrels of oil per capita per year, compared with the national average of 28 barrels per year; and

Whereas, Maine is a predominately rural state with a widely dispersed population which must travel long distances to work, shop and receive health care; and

Whereas, Maine has few urban transit systems and no passenger rail service to utilize in place of the automobile; and

Whereas, most Maine utilities have requested substantial rate increases in recent months while continuing to pass on to the consumer the sixfold increase in the cost of oil by use of the so-called fuel adjustment clause; and

Whereas, oil costs will also increase the cost of other consumer necessities, particularly food, which must be carried into Maine by truck and train; and

Whereas, Maine's unemployment rate has soared past 8% and inflation shows no signs of abating; and

Whereas, Maine's middle and low income people should not be deprived of their right to travel, work and live a normal life because they are not wealthy; and

Whereas, more fair and equitable methods of conserving energy have been proposed than the policy of conservation based on the inability to pay; and

Whereas, among these methods are oil and gasoline rationing, fuel allocation systems and taxes on nonessential uses of energy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge the Maine Congressional delegation to oppose efforts to increase the cost of oil in any form and seek ways to conserve energy in a manner which treats all people, regardless of income, equally; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States and to the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

January 15, 1975

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

H. P. 180

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

January 16, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED LIMITATION
ON COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN FEDERAL
INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, Social Security, SSI, and Federal Retirement Benefits are currently increased automatically as the Consumer Price Index rises; and

Whereas, this system has allowed retirees and other persons who live on fixed incomes to cope with the staggering ratio of inflation; and

Whereas, President Ford has proposed placing a ceiling of 5% on annual cost-of-living increases in Social Security, Railroad Retirement, Supplemental Security Income and Civil Service and Military Retirement programs; and

Whereas, such a limitation is only slightly more than 1/3 of last year's annual rate of inflation; and

Whereas, more than 150,000 Maine citizens depend wholly or in part on these programs for their income; and

Whereas, it is wrong to allow inflation to ravage the small means of persons who because of age or infirmity are less able to fend for themselves; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to retain full cost-of-living increases to Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Railroad Retirement and Civil Service and Military Retirement recipients, and to oppose efforts to place a ceiling on cost-of-living increases to these recipients; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress and to the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

February 5, 1975

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

February 6, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

H. P. 458

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO
SUPPORT THE REENACTMENT OF THE
GENERAL REVENUE SHARING
PROGRAM

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body, as follows:

Whereas, the State of Maine, her 16 counties and her 496 municipalities have received \$124,000,000 of vitally needed fiscal assistance through the allocation of federal dollars under the General Revenue Sharing Program; and

Whereas, these Revenue Sharing dollars are received directly from the Federal Government by the State, the counties and the municipalities with a minimum of federal paperwork, enabling the citizens to use the funds to meet their self-determined priorities; and

Whereas, the citizens of Maine view state, county and local officials as being accountable for the expenditure of Revenue Sharing funds, and citizens as having ultimate control of their priorities through the governmental processes; and

Whereas, the taxpayers of Maine are being severely affected by the spiraling and unprecedented rate of inflation in costs of government as well as in their private lives; and

Whereas, the current inflationary rate is undermining the ability of government to provide essential services to their citizens within reasonable levels of taxation; and

Whereas, the General Revenue Sharing Program, which began in 1972, will terminate in 1976 unless the 94th Congress authorizes an extension of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972; and

Whereas, the 107th Maine Legislature endorses the continuation of the General Revenue Sharing Program in order to insure that vitally needed federal assistance will be provided to Maine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, respectfully request and urge that each Member of the United States Congress from the State of Maine publicly state his support for the reenactment of the General Revenue Sharing Program in order that citizens of Maine may be informed of their commitment to continuing their flow of resources back to the People of the State of Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be forthwith forwarded to each Member of the United States Congress from the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

February 11, 1975

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

February 12, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE UNITED STATES
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION 200
MILES SEAWARD FROM ITS BOUNDARIES

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition your Honorable Body as follows:

Whereas, Maine fishermen are currently losing the livelihood of generations through failure of the Federal Government to control excessive foreign fishing off the coast; and

Whereas, Federal negotiations at the "law of the sea" conference even if successful will take 6 to 10 years to ratify and implement leaving little or no protection during the interim; and

Whereas, this inaction has prompted the Maine Legislature to declare Maine's fisheries management jurisdiction 200 miles seaward from its boundaries or to the edge of the continental shelf; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States must act now to extend United States fisheries management jurisdiction beyond 12 miles to the 200-mile limit before fishing stocks are exhausted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to use every possible means at its command to pass legislation which will extend the fisheries management jurisdiction of the United States without interfering with Canada 200 miles seaward or to the edge of the continental shelf and thus reduce the chances of further depletion of fishing stocks by overfishing; and be it further

Resolved: That a duly authenticated copy of this Memorial be immediately submitted by the Secretary of State to The Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States from this State.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
February 20, 1975
Sent up for Concurrence
EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
In Concurrence
February 21, 1975
HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE CASPAR
W. WEINBERGER, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF THE UNITED
STATES TO RESTORE MEDICARE-MEDICAID FUNDS
TO THE LOCAL HOSPITALS OF THE TOWNS OF
DEXTER, MILO AND SIMILAR COMMUNITIES

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine now assembled in Regular Session of the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session, most respectfully present and petition the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the United States Congress as follows:

Whereas, the Plummer Memorial Hospital has served the medical needs of Dexter, Maine continuously and well since its opening in 1920; and

Whereas, the townspeople of Dexter have aided and supported this hospital, and have provided an ambulance service for this hospital, serviced by the volunteer fire department; and

Whereas, the Plummer Memorial Hospital has been licensed by the State of Maine for the year 1975 to serve the people of Dexter, a license recognized by all major medical insurance companies, including Blue Cross-Blue Shield; and

Whereas, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has decided, contrary to the almost unanimous vote of the March, 1974 Dexter town meeting, that the Plummer Memorial Hospital shall be closed and that the people of Dexter shall be forced to use a regional hospital to be built in Dover-Foxcroft, 13 miles to the north; and

Whereas, the department has decided, based upon a technical and controversial interpretation of one regulation of the Federal Fire Code, that the hospital, in existence since 1920, is in violation of that fire code and must be closed; and

Whereas, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has, therefore, cut off all but emergency Medicare-Medicaid funds to the Plummer Memorial Hospital, an action intended to close that facility; and

Whereas, the people of Dexter have received little cooperation from the regional director of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who seems unconcerned about the welfare of the people of Dexter when that welfare conflicts with a regionalization plan previously decided upon; and

Whereas, the situation in Dexter is too often repeated in other areas of Maine; and

Whereas, the Legislature of this State sympathizes with the struggle of all people who desire to preserve their own hospital facilities and their independence from the dictates of a huge federal agency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, hereby record our dissatisfaction with the actions of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and with the actions and uncooperative attitude of certain of its regional representatives, and respectfully urge and petition the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action to help the people of Dexter, Milo and similar communities to maintain their own hospital facilities as active and useful hospitals serving the local needs of rural areas by restoring the use of all Medicare-Medicaid funds; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of the United States, and to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States Congress from this State.

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

Sent Down for Concurrence

February 25, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

February 25, 1975

In Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

S. P. 229

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four

JOINT RESOLUTION
PROTESTING FURTHER FEDERAL
STANDARDS ON CERTAIN SEATBELTS
AND OTHER SAFETY DEVICES

Whereas, the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 permits the Secretary of Transportation to impose certain standards for seatbelts and other safety devices; and

Whereas, in accordance thereto, motor vehicles are being equipped elaborately with starter interlock systems associated with seatbelts and upper torso restraints; and

Whereas, consideration is also being given to mandatory use of seatbelts and harnesses as a requirement; and

Whereas, such systems, which are not optional, have added substantially to costs and are generally considered an unreasonable restraint on freedom that under a disguise of safety such apparatus has exceeded any realm of practicality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the 106th Legislature of the State of Maine do hereby protest the mandatory use of seatbelts and harnesses as a requirement and further federal standards and equipment requirements for starter interlock systems associated with seatbelts or upper torso restraints and hereby urgently request passage of H. R. 10277, "A Bill to Amend the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from imposing certain seatbelt standards, and for other purposes," now before the first session of the 93rd Congress of the United States; and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State of the State of Maine notify each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States of this action of the Legislature by forwarding to each of them a certified copy of this Resolution.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

March 21, 1974

Sent up for Concurrence

Ordered Sent Forthwith

E. LOUISE LINCOLN,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

March 22, 1974

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 2077

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING
THE U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOR TO
DENY PRIME SPONSORSHIP
TO MAINE COUNTIES

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Honorable Secretary of the United States Department of Labor as follows:

Whereas, the State of Maine is presently the prime sponsor under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended, an Act which provides and encourages employment training and jobs for the unemployed and for the underemployed; and

Whereas, seven of Maine's counties have applied to the Department of Labor to become sponsors in their own right under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act; and

Whereas, if any one of these counties were to become prime sponsors the result would be a wasteful duplication of administration under the Act and would result in a reduction of moneys available to the citizens of the counties under the Act; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, hereby respectfully recommend and urge that the Department of Labor deny prime sponsorship to any Maine county making application in its own right and urge them to cooperate with the State to conserve needed funds and efforts to help Maine's unemployed and underemployed; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Secretary of the United States Department of Labor and to the Members of the United States Congress from the State of Maine.

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted
Sent down for Concurrence
March 25, 1975
HARRY N. STARBRANCH

Secretary

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted
March 25, 1975
In Concurrence
EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

S. P. 407

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES IN MAINE;
ACKNOWLEDGING PREPARATIONS BEING MADE BY
MAINE'S PEOPLE; AND DESIGNATING THE START
OF MAINE'S OFFICIAL OBSERVANCE OF
AMERICA'S REVOLUTIONARY BICENTENNIAL

Whereas, the State of Maine is richly endowed with the proud history and heritage of the American Revolutionary Period; and

Whereas, the State of Maine offers many opportunities for the appropriate commemoration and celebration of both historic and present day accomplishments; and

Whereas, the State of Maine looks forward on this eve of the National Bicentennial observances to a bright and promising future built on the principles of our founding fathers and mothers; and

Whereas, the People of Maine, in communities throughout the State, now stand ready to honor that history and heritage, celebrate those accomplishments, and inaugurate that future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the 107th Legislature on behalf of the people of Maine, proclaim the official observances of the American Revolution Bicentennial shall begin in the State of Maine on Patriot's Day, April 19, 1975, the 200th anniversary of the day when

“By the rude bridge that arched the flood
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world”

and, be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Resolution be prepared and transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the National and State Bicentennial Commissions and to all departments and agencies of this State calling this important objective to their attention.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

April 18, 1975

Sent up for Concurrence

Ordered Sent Forthwith

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

April 18, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PREVENT SELECTIVE TAXES FROM BEING IMPOSED AS A MEANS TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF PETROLEUM BASED FUELS

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session, now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States, as follows:

Whereas, the citizens of Maine acknowledge there is a limited amount of petroleum based fuel left in the world; and

Whereas, the citizens of this State have been and are continuing to reduce their consumption of petroleum based fuels; and

Whereas, the imposition of a selective excise tax on noncommercial motorboat motors, snowmobiles and noncommercial aircraft as set forth in Section 323 of House Bill 5005, now before the United States Congress, will cause an undue hardship on said citizens of this State by causing certain selected citizens to pay an extra 20% in order to enjoy their sport; and

Whereas, this tax will cause an undue hardship on the State Government and the citizens of this State by depriving the State of revenue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, do hereby respectfully request and urge the Congress of the United States to do all in its power to not impose selective taxes as proposed in House Bill 5005; and be it further

Resolved: That the Federal Congress be directed to actively seek alternate sources of fuel and that any program involving the use of petroleum based energy be established on a fair and equal basis; and be it further

Resolved: That a suitable copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

April 17, 1975

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

April 24, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

H. P. 1503

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AID AND
ASSIST VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the President and Congress of the United States as follows:

Whereas, the Governor of this State, with whom We, your Memorialists concur, has offered to do all within the capacity of this State to assist in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees; and

Whereas, it is in the best, most noble and strongest tradition of the American people to provide succor and shelter to those who, for whatever reason, are forced to flee their homeland; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully request that the United States Government live up to its most noble traditions by providing sufficient financial aid to resettle Vietnamese refugees in peace and dignity; and be it further

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, request guidance as to how the State of Maine can best support the efforts of the United States Government in resettling Vietnamese refugees, knowing that our citizens will offer their time, their homes and other means, to assist these refugees in their time of need; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and to such organizations in this State as may be assembled to aid and assist in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

May 9, 1975

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Adopted

May 13, 1975

In Concurrence

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

H. P. 1575

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CHANGE THE PROPOSED FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR TITLE XX, THE SOCIAL SERVICES ACT OF 1974

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Maine of the One Hundred and Seventh Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States, as follows:

Whereas, the United States Congress has passed the Social Services Act of 1974 and federal regulations have now been issued for Title XX of this Act; and

Whereas, Title XX affects many social services within this State; and

Whereas, the Human Service Council of Maine and the Maine Committee on Aging have reviewed the proposed regulations for Title XX; and

Whereas, many of these regulations have been found to be overly restrictive and overly bureaucratic and will increase the cost of administering these programs; and

Whereas, these regulations tend to override the intent of Congress in passing this Act, will contribute to a slowdown in the delivery of needed human services and furthermore, and run counter to efforts to simplify federal-state programs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we, your Memorialists, do petition the Congress of the United States to prevail upon the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare to revise and simplify the complicated regulations of Title XX that will prevent proper service to Maine's elderly and poor; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Speaker of the House and to the President of the Senate of the Congress of the United States, to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of the United States.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

May 15, 1975

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

H. P. 1592

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

May 15, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF
THE FIRST NAVAL BATTLE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Whereas, the State of Maine is richly endowed with the proud history and heritage of the American Revolutionary Period; and

Whereas, the State of Maine offers many opportunities for the appropriate commemoration and celebration of both historic and present day accomplishments; and

Whereas, the People of Maine, in communities throughout the State, now stand ready to honor that history and heritage, to celebrate those accomplishments and to inaugurate that future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the 107th Legislature, in regular session assembled, on behalf of the People of Maine, recognize and commemorate the 12th of June, 1975, as the 200th anniversary of the first naval battle of the American Revolution, during which men of the Machias area laid plans which culminated in the capture of the British armed schooner, the *Margaretta*; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of State to the East Machias Historical Society, the Machiasport Historical Society, the Washington County Bicentennial Commission, the Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Town of Machias and the National and State Bicentennial Commissions.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

June 12, 1975

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,

Clerk

H. P. 1696

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

June 12, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH

Secretary

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD,
THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE FEDERAL
HOME LOAN BANK BOARD AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
EQUALIZE DEPOSIT RATE CEILINGS IN THE STATE OF MAINE

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Regular Session of the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature now assembled, most respectfully present and petition the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the United States Congress and other appropriate regulatory agencies as follows:

Whereas, legislation has been passed in the regular session of the One Hundred and Seventh Legislature granting to thrift institutions in the State of Maine many of the rights and responsibilities presently granted only to commercial banks including the right to offer personal checking accounts; and

Whereas, federal law and regulations now permit thrift institutions to pay their depositors a higher maximum rate of interest than the amount which commercial banks can now pay on saving and time deposits; and

Whereas, in view of the passage of said legislation, said federal law and regulations should be reviewed; and

Whereas, the citizens of the State of Maine would greatly benefit by the elimination of the present law and regulations as they apply to Maine which permit an unequal maximum rate of interest paid to commercial bank savings and time depositors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, hereby record our concern with the existing federal law and regulations and urge and petition the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and the Congress of the United States to expedite their consideration of the Hunt Commission report and its implementation in Maine to assure that the federal law and regulations provide a fair, competitive banking system for all financial institutions in Maine, including the elimination of regulation Q and any other ceilings on the rates paid on deposits; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress, to the Federal Reserve Board, to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, to the Controller of the Currency, to the Secretary of the Treasury, to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, to the Coordinating Committee of Financial Institutions, to the Superintendent of Banks and Banking in the State of Maine and to the Members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from the State of Maine.

House of Representatives

Adopted

June 23, 1975

Sent up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

June 24, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 1751

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GEORGES
RIVER CANAL AS AN HISTORICAL SITE

Whereas, as the Bicentennial of our country approaches, the people and Legislature of Maine become ever more mindful of the important heritage of our State; and

Whereas, the name of General Henry Knox, a famous Revolutionary War General and the first Secretary of War under George Washington, is prominently inscribed on the annals of the United States and of Maine; and

Whereas, the Georges River Canal, in Warren, was planned and developed by General Knox and exists today as an historical site; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the 107th Legislature now assembled in regular legislative session, hereby recognize, and urge the people of Maine and of the United States to recognize the Georges River Canal as an historical site of the State of Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That upon passage, suitable copies of this Resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Town of Warren and to the Maine League of Historical Societies.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

Sent up for Concurrence

June 25, 1975

EDWIN H. PERT,
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

June 25, 1975

HARRY N. STARBRANCH,
Secretary

H. P. 1778

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five

JOINT HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF MAINE, MAINE
MUNICIPALITIES AND CERTAIN CONTRACTORS TO PURCHASE
AND USE MAINE CEMENT

Whereas, the construction industry is one of the major industries of our State, purchasing raw materials worth millions of dollars each year; and

Whereas, one of the most important of these raw materials is cement, used to build bridges, to construct buildings and for countless other purposes; and

Whereas, the manufacture of cement is also a major industry in Maine and in the United States, employing hundreds of workers in Maine and many thousands throughout this country; and

Whereas, certain foreign manufacturers, subsidized by their governments, are able to sell their cement in the United States at a price pennies a bag cheaper than cement manufactured by unsubsidized American manufacturers; and

Whereas, this subsidized competition threatens numerous jobs in Maine and throughout the country; and

Whereas, much of the construction accomplished in this State is construction for state and municipal purposes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the 107th Legislature in regular session assembled, respectfully request and urge all agencies of this State, all municipalities of this State and all contractors working for this State and for its municipalities to give preference to the purchase and use of Maine cement over foreign cement whenever economically feasible; and be it further

Resolved: That upon passage in concurrence, the Secretary of State shall send suitable copies of this resolution to the Governor, to the Maine Municipal Association and to the Associated General Contractors of Maine.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

June 27, 1975

Sent Up for Concurrence

EDWIN H. PERT
Clerk

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

June 27, 1975

In Concurrence

HARRY N. STARBRANCH
Secretary