

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

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RESOLVES
OF THE
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AS PASSED AT THE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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CHAPTER 45

H.P. 1975 - L.D. 1950

RESOLVE, Authorizing the State Planning Office to Study the Implications for Maine of Canadian Tidal Power Development in the Bay of Fundy.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, planning is going ahead for major tidal power development in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas, a study by a Canadian scientist predicts that this development could cause a significant change in tidal range along the Maine coast, with high tides about 6 inches higher and low tides about 6 inches lower; and

Whereas, such changes would have some effects on marine resources, the intertidal zone and coastal property, but those effects are not specifically known; and

Whereas, the State needs to be in a position to make an informed response to these tidal power developments in the near future; and

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

Canadian tidal power, study of implications. Resolved: That the State Planning Office is authorized to conduct and review studies on the implications for Maine of tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy. These activities should address the following areas: Engineering studies, including verification of the physical modeling predictions of changes in the tidal range, and preliminary analysis of engineering methods to mitigate these changes, especially during storm surge conditions; impact studies, including impacts on fisheries, other ecological impacts, impact on coastal property and other significant

environmental and economic impacts. In addition, the State Planning Office is authorized and directed to obtain from the Office of Energy Resources, and other available sources, a review of the intergovernmental considerations relevant to negotiation and cooperation among the affected states and provinces on a project of this kind and to obtain from the Office of Energy Resources an assessment of the energy benefits to the State and the region of the power project.

In conducting these studies it is expected that, where appropriate, the State Planning Office will seek the assistance of other state agencies and qualified scientific organizations by contract, agreement or other arrangement; and be it further

Reports to the Legislature. Resolved: That the State Planning Office shall keep the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities fully and currently informed of their activities in connection with these studies.

The State Planning Office shall submit to the Legislature, final reports of these studies when available, and on or before February 1, 1983, an interim report on Canadian tidal power including a summary of findings, issue identification and recommendations for further study and action.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 23, 1982.

CHAPTER 46

H.P. 2194 - L.D. 2074

RESOLVE, Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Taxes Lost Due to Lands Being Classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and