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the water main feeding said hydrant shall be moved, relocated or discontinued.

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CHAPTER 14

S.P. 429 - L.D. 1150

Resolve, to Clear Title to Property in the Town of Oxford

Authority to convey. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands convey to Richard E. Varney and Barbara E. Varney the State's interest in a certain parcel of land in the Town of Oxford. The parcel of land is described as follows:

A right-of-way in common with others as now traveled over the former Hadakin (also referred to as Hadagin) Lot, leading Westerly from Route No. 26 to land formerly of Leroy Toothaker and now of Richard E. Varney and Barbara E. Varney, said right-of-way to be of sufficient width for two vehicles to use with convenience.

The State's interest must be conveyed for the amount of \$250 to cover the costs associated with transfer of title. Transfer documents must be prepared by Richard E. Varney and Barbara E. Varney for review and approval by the bureau.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 15

H.P. 586 - L.D. 837

Resolve, to Create a Demonstration Program to Increase Utilization of the Food Stamp Program by the Elderly

Department to seek waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to provide cash benefits directly to eligible elderly persons in lieu of food coupons. By March 1, 1992, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources regarding its success in pursuing the waiver, its strategy for performing outreach services in the food stamp program and, if a waiver has been granted, shall submit legislation necessary to implement a demonstration program under the waiver.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 16

H.P. 668 - L.D. 948

Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Public Improvements to Conduct a Study of All State Work Places

Analysis and report required. Resolved: That the Bureau of Public Improvements shall conduct within existing resources an analysis of work places owned or leased by the State in order to identify locations that do not conform to generally accepted standards of work place environment. Standards that must be included are those for air quality, space allocation, health and safety code compliance, lighting, building maintenance, ergonomics and accessibility. The bureau must include information from existing files, from other state agencies, from employee organizations and from such additional surveys as staff resources permit. The bureau must include with its report recommendations and priorities for corrective measures, with cost estimates when feasible. The bureau shall report its conclusions on issues relating to space owned by the State no later than January 15, 1992 and on space leased by the State no later than January 15, 1993. Both reports must be submitted to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for distribution to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 17

H.P. 940 - L.D. 1362

Resolve, to Develop Evidence Protocols and Standardized Kits for Cases of Alleged Gross Sexual Assault

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

Whereas, the collection of evidence in cases of alleged gross sexual assault is of vital importance in bringing the offender to justice; and

Whereas, the State does not currently have a standardized kit for hospitals to use in collecting evidence for cases of alleged gross sexual assault; and

Whereas, the collection of evidence varies from hospital to hospital and may seriously damage the ability to successfully prosecute cases of alleged gross sexual assault; 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

Sec. 1. Standardized kit. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety shall review evidence protocols for cases of gross sexual assault and propose a standardized kit for the collection of evidence by hospitals in cases of alleged gross sexual assault; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety shall submit their report and proposal, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature no later than February 1, 1992.

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

Effective June 20, 1991.

CHAPTER 18

H.P. 1328 - L.D. 1919

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Oxford County for the Year 1991

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

Whereas, Oxford County has certain expenses and liabilities which must be met as they become due; and

Whereas, it is necessary that the taxes for the year 1991 for Oxford County be immediately assessed in order to provide the required revenue for the county; 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

Sec. 1. Oxford County; taxes apportioned. Resolved: That the following sum is granted as a tax on Oxford County to be apportioned, assessed, collected and applied to the purposes of paying debts and necessary expenses of the county as authorized in this resolve,

and for other purposes of law, for the calendar year 1991:

1991 TAX

\$2,107,174

; and be it further

Sec. 2. General Fund expenditures authorized. Resolved: That the following sums, based on the county budget filed in the office of the Secretary of State, are authorized as General Fund expenditures by the county during the calendar year 1991 in the specific amounts of expenditures for personal services, contractual services, commodities and capital expenditures for each account in the county budget:

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT NUMBER	APPROPRIATIONS
1005 - Superior Court Contractual Services	\$15,000
1010 - Emergency Management Agency Personal Services Contractual Services Commodities Capital Expenditures	29,074 7,710 700 4,000
1011 - County Firefighters Contractual Services Commodities	6,800 3,100
1015 - District Attorney Personal Services Contractual Services Commodities Joint Budget Capital Expenditures	60,759 11,000 2,000 4,000 1,300
1020 - County Commissioners Personal Services Contractual Services Commodities	44,053 15,365 1,350
1025 - County Treasurer Personal Services Contractual Services Commodities	31,238 8,200 1,100
1040 - Court House - County Buildings Personal Services Contractual Services Commodities Capital Expenditures	25,727 75,800 26,975 2,400
1050 - Jail - Support of Prisoners Personal Services Contractual Services	386,200 91,500