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J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
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authorized for the calendar year 1994. The following is a summary of revenues and appropriations:

Total Appropriations	\$1,963,368
Overlay	6,178

Available Credits:

Estimated Revenue	\$474,743
Community Corrections	50,000
Surplus Transfer	60,000
Total Available Credits	584,743

Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$1,384,803
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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective March 9, 1994.

CHAPTER 50

S.P. 677 - L.D. 1857

Resolve, Authorizing the Direct Purchase of the Desk, Chair and Credenza Used by John L. Martin as Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sec. 1. Purchase authorized. Resolved: That the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall offer for sale and Representative John L. Martin may purchase, at fair market value, the desk, chair and credenza that John L. Martin has used in his office as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 51

H.P. 1224 - L.D. 1643

Resolve, to Simplify the Schedule of Fees for Licenses Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Sec. 1. Simplification of licenses and fees. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall prepare a proposal to computerize and to simplify the schedule of the licenses and fees administered by the department by combining licenses, eliminating stamps and using other means to reduce substantially the number of different licenses now sold; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit draft legislation to the Legislature by January 1, 1995 that would implement the proposed computerized and simplified license and fee schedule developed under section 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 52

H.P. 1256 - L.D. 1683

Resolve, Regarding the Development of a Medicare Volume Performance Standard Demonstration Project

Sec. 1. Medicare demonstration project. Resolved: That the Maine Medical Assessment Foundation is authorized to participate in a demonstration project to establish a Medicare performance standard for the State, to be known as the Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard Demonstration Project.

1. Waiver request. The Department of Human Services shall request that the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration grant a waiver for the purpose of establishing the Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard Demonstration Project to release physicians in the State from participation under the current Medicare volume performance standard methodology and to substitute a state-level volume performance standard and methodology on a demonstration basis.

2. Project design. Under the project established under this section, practice and utilization pattern statistics for participating physicians in the State must be separated from the national statistics, the annual volume response of those physicians must be calculated for each year and Medicare fees for the following year must be calculated utilizing the federal default conversion factor formula. Maine Medical Assessment Foundation study groups must be convened and members must represent 80% or more of the conditions and procedures utilized by Medicare beneficiaries, including gastroenterology, cardiology, internal medicine, family practice, general surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, urology and radiology.

3. Administrative committee. The Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard Demonstration Project shall have an administrative committee to oversee the project, document the methodology of the project, collect data, disseminate information to the study groups and evaluate the project.

4. Report. The Maine Medicare Volume Performance Standard Demonstration Project shall report on the project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters on or before January 1, 1995 and at the conclusion of the project.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 53

H.P. 1317 - L.D. 1779

Resolve, to Designate Route 196 through Lisbon in Memory of Staff Sergeant Thomas Field

Sec. 1. Naming Route 196 in Lisbon.

Resolved: That Route 196 through the town limits of Lisbon be named "The Staff Sergeant Thomas Field Memorial Highway" in memory of Staff Sergeant Thomas Field who recently gave his life in the service to his country.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 54

H.P. 1298 - L.D. 1753

Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Date of the Healthy Start Task Force Report

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

Whereas, Resolve 1993, chapter 25, established the Healthy Start Task Force, and directed that appointments be made by July 9, 1993; and

Whereas, appointments to the task force were not completed until September 29, 1993 and the task force was not able to meet until October 8, 1993; and

Whereas, the charge of the task force as presented in Resolve 1993, chapter 25, requires taking inventory of existing services, determining which services need to be developed or expanded and integrating all the existing, new and expanded services into a statewide program that can not be accomplished in a short period of time; 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 preserva-

tion of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Resolve 1993, c. 25, §1, amended.

Resolved: That Resolve 1993, c. 25, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Task force created and charged.

Resolved: That there is created the Healthy Start Task Force, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," which is directed to formulate a plan for implementation of a model Healthy Start home visitation program. The task force shall produce a detailed implementation plan for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by ~~November 1, 1993~~ December 15, 1994. The task force plan and report must contain findings, recommendations and any necessary implementing legislation; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Resolve 1993, c. 25, §9, amended.

Resolved: That Resolve 1993, c. 25, §9 is amended to read:

Sec. 9. Interim report; report. Resolved:

That the task force shall present an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources no later than April 1, 1994 and submit its report and plan, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the ~~Second~~ First Regular Session of the ~~116th~~ 117th Legislature no later than ~~November 1, 1993~~ December 15, 1994; and be it further

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

Effective March 18, 1994.

CHAPTER 55

H.P. 1357 - L.D. 1832

Resolve, to Conduct a Study on Improving Access to the Maine Technical College System

Sec. 1. Technical College System to conduct a study. Resolved:

That the Maine Technical College System is authorized and directed to conduct a follow-up study to the 1991 report by the Commission to Review the Capacity of the Maine Technical College System. The study must provide specific recommendations for legislation and changes in administrative policies and must specifically review: