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2. Issues related to access to curricular, cocurricular and extracurricular activities in public schools by home school students;

3. State laws and rules related to access to public schools by home school students;

4. Local school administrative unit policies concerning home school students; and

5. Other factors related to home school student access to public schools; and be it further

Sec. 2. Study to be overseen by committee. Resolved: That the study required in section 1 must be overseen by a committee of 11 persons staffed by the Department of Education. The committee, known as the Home School Study Committee, consists of the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee and the following members appointed by the Governor:

1. One member representing the Maine Home School Association;

2. One member representing the State Board of Education;

3. One member representing the Maine Superintendents Association;

4. One member representing the Maine Principals' Association;

5. One member representing the Maine School Boards Association;

6. One member representing the Maine Education Association;

7. One member who is a home school student;

8. One member who is a parent of a home school student; and

9. One member who is a home school support group leader.

One additional member who is chosen by the other 10 committee members serves as the chair of the committee; and be it further

Sec. 3. Study costs. Resolved: That incidental committee expenses, such as mailing, copying and printing, must be paid by the Department of Education. Members of the committee are not eligible to be compensated for their expenses; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report completed. Resolved: That the Home School Study Committee shall submit its report, including any necessary legislation, to the

First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature and the Governor no later than November 15, 1994.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 63

H.P. 1437 - L.D. 1963

Resolve, to Enhance the Development of Alternative Uses of Maine Agriculture and Forestry Products

Preamble. Whereas, the United States Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990 authorizes the awarding of grants to public and private educational institutions and other research institutions and organizations to fund research, development or demonstration projects in the alternative use of agricultural products; and

Whereas, developing ways to market agricultural products in forms other than food, feed or traditional forest or fiber products would provide valuable economic opportunities for farmers in this State; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the University of Maine and certain organized industry groups can provide leadership in proposing uses of the grant money in Maine; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Programs eligible for grants. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall review the United States Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990, 7 United States Code, Section 5901 et seq., and shall identify public programs that are likely to be eligible for a grant under that Act. If there are no programs currently operating that would be eligible, the department shall attempt to develop programs, within existing resources; and be it further

Sec. 2. Plan. Resolved: That the department shall develop and implement a plan to apply for, or assist in the application for, grants under the Act and further identify existing or potential opportunities for alternative uses of Maine agricultural products; and be it further

Sec. 3. Public meeting. Resolved: That the department, as part of its review and plan development under this resolve, shall conduct one public meeting to which are invited the University of Maine, organized agricultural, fisheries and wood products industry groups and other related private entities; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the department shall report its plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters by January 15, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 64

H.P. 1383 - L.D. 1882

Resolve, to Establish Minimum Standards for Adult and Family Shelters in the State

Sec. 1. Working group convened; minimum standards. Resolved: That the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities is directed to convene a working group to develop recommended standards for the operation of adult and family shelters in the State. The membership of the work group must be appointed by the Chair of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities and must include consumers, representatives of the Maine Coalition for the Homeless, the Maine Coalition of Family Crisis Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Department of Human Services, the Maine State Housing Authority, the Office of Substance Abuse and other affected constituencies, including providers of shelter to families, persons with mental illness and persons with substance abuse problems; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities shall submit its recommendations, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the 117th Legislature on or before January 15, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 65

H.P. 1464 - L.D. 1990

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1994

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

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

Whereas, it is necessary that the taxes for the year 1994 mentioned 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. Kennebec County; taxes apportioned. Resolved: That the following sum is granted as a tax on Kennebec 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 1994:

1994 TAX

\$4,442,326

; 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 1994, in the specific total 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	18,200
1010 - Emergency Management Agency	
Personal Services	20,317
Contractual Services	5,150
Commodities	2,350
1015 - District Attorney	
Personal Services	168,015
Contractual Services	51,900
Commodities	9,750
Capital Expenditures	8,800
1020 - County Commissioners	
Personal Services	49,151
Contractual Services	8,100
Commodities	1,650