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CHAPTER 13**H.P. 662 - L.D. 885****Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Review the State's Involuntary Commitment Law****Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:**

That the Task Force to Review Maine's Laws Concerning Involuntary Commitment, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Task force membership; cochairs. Resolved:

That the task force consists of 15 members appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the members must include representatives of all parties affected or potentially affected by a change to the laws concerning involuntary commitment, including, but not limited to, consumers, family members, mental health professionals, community mental health service providers, advocates for clients and families, hospital officials and law enforcement officials. The task force shall select at its first meeting 2 members to serve as cochairs; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making the appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than November 15, 1995; and be it further

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall identify and review the existing state statutes pertaining to involuntary commitment and determine if any changes need to be made to those statutes; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the task force may request staffing and clerical assistance from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and be it further

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the members of the task force are not entitled to reimbursement for travel or other expenses; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its report together with any

accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by January 30, 1996.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 14**H.P. 583 - L.D. 793****Resolve, to Encourage the Harvest of Coyotes**

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct study. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall conduct a study to determine the impact that coyotes have on deer and propose recommendations to encourage the harvest of coyotes; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit its report together with any implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by December 15, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 15**H.P. 653 - L.D. 876****Resolve, to Require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Establish a Revolving Loan Fund to Increase Agricultural Growth in the State**

Sec. 1. Revolving fund established. Resolved: That the Department of Agricultural, Food and Rural Resources shall develop plans to establish a revolving loan fund to increase agricultural growth in the State and encourage global expansion of Maine agricultural ventures. Legislation necessary to establish such a fund must be submitted by the department to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by January 1, 1996. The legislation must:

1. Identify the funding source for starting up the revolving fund;
2. Establish procedures for oversight of the fund;
3. Provide a mechanism for equitable distribution of loan funds; and