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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

Sec. 2. Accurate signs for the Sunday River ski area. Resolved: That the Maine Turnpike Authority is directed to change signs located on the south portion of the Maine Turnpike to accurately reflect access to the Sunday River ski area by way of turnpike exits 11 and 12.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 22

H.P. 1142 - L.D. 1607

Resolve, to Name the New Bangor-Brewer Replacement Bridge

Sec. 1. New Bangor-Brewer replacement bridge named. Resolved: That the new Bangor-Brewer replacement bridge be known as the Penobscot Bridge, followed by that name in parenthesis in the official language of the Penobscot Nation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 23

H.P. 266 - L.D. 330

Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Microenterprise Needs

Sec. 1. Entrepreneurship needs. Resolved: That, by October 1, 1997, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters and to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council on the needs of entrepreneurship in Maine, the demand for microloans, the services offered by microenterprise programs in the State and the types of initiatives available to enhance small business activity. The report must contain recommendations from the department.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 24

H.P. 775 - L.D. 1052

Resolve, Establishing a Task Force to Examine the Desirability of a Model Municipal Building Code

Sec. 1. Task force created; duties. Resolved: That there is established the Task Force to Study the Desirability of a Model Municipal Building Code, referred to in this resolve as the "task force." In order to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the desirability and feasibility of establishing a model municipal building code in this State, the task force shall study existing state standards and procedures, including State Fire Marshal review, life safety codes, building energy standards and access requirements; similar codes used in other states; any past efforts to establish such a code in the State; existing and proposed insurance industry standards rating the effectiveness of municipal building codes and their administration; and options for using existing building codes, such as the National Building Code and Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA), in designing a model municipal building code. The task force shall carefully consider the great diversity of need and capacity that exists among the State's rural and urban municipalities. The task force shall present its findings to the Governor and Legislature and may make recommendations, including recommendations for legislative changes; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following 11 members:

1. State agencies. The Director of the State Planning Office or the director's designee and the State Fire Marshal or the fire marshal's designee;

2. Municipal agencies and officials. The Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association or the executive director's designee and the President of the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association or the president's designee;

3. Private individuals. The Executive Director of the Associated General Contractors of Maine or the director's designee, the President of the Consulting Engineers of Maine or the president's designee, the President of the Home Builders Association of Maine or the president's designee, the President of the Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects or the president's designee and 3 members of the public appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be knowledgeable in property and casualty insurance issues; and

4. Chair. The member representing the State Planning Office shall chair the task force.

All appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Meetings. Resolved: That the task force may meet as often as necessary, at the call of the chair; and be it further

Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved: That the State Planning Office shall provide staff assistance to the task force; and be it further

Sec. 5. Coordination. Resolved: That the task force shall coordinate with other appropriate state agencies and other organizations, including but not limited to: the Maine Emergency Management Agency; the Bureau of General Services; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Economic and Community Development; the Division of Health Engineering; the Maine State Housing Authority; and professional and technical organizations specializing in the areas of fire prevention and safety, insurance, engineering, planning, life safety, access and manufactured housing; and be it further

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That task force members shall serve without compensation; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its findings, together with any recommendations, including implementing legislation, to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance by January 15, 1998.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 25

S.P. 459 - L.D. 1431

Resolve, to Establish the Sister State Program

Sec. 1. Maine State Cultural Affairs Council directed to identify potential "sister state." Resolved: That the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council shall identify other states and countries with similar cultural or business interests that would benefit the State through reciprocal agreements; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report date. Resolved: That the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council shall report its findings and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature by March 1, 1998.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 26

S.P. 223 - L.D. 682

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. The sale, except as otherwise directed in this resolve, must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions:

1. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in some newspaper in the county where the real estate lies; except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published; and

2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount as authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked with the earliest date is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount, without again asking for bids, if the property is sold on or before March 1, 1998.

Employees of the Bureau of Taxation and members of the immediate family of employees of the Bureau of Taxation are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

The State Tax Assessor, upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations, plan and lot references are identified in the 1994 State Valuation.

T17 R4 WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR021, Plan 02, Lot 18 038980376

Wilma Ely, Trustee
U/D/T 0.23 Acres