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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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resolve is less than 30% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the county in the most recent gubernatorial election, the county commissioners may submit the question to voters not more than one other time within the time prescribed in this section.

The results of the election must be declared by the Waldo County commissioners and due certificate filed with the Secretary of State.

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

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 99

S.P. 585 - L.D. 1665

Resolve, to Promote Natural Resource-based Industries

Preamble. Whereas, natural resource-based industries are the foundation of the State's economy; and

Whereas, the number of individuals entering farming, fishing and forestry is declining steadily; and

Whereas, natural resource-based industries are nonmobile industries rooted in the culture and ecology of the State, placing the State in a unique position; now, therefore, be it further

Sec. 1. Business development; education programs. Resolved: That the State Planning Office shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters by January 1, 2001 that:

1. Examines the resources available to business development and specifically how funds are dedicated to development in the natural resource-based industries. The report must specifically review the proportions of dollars spent on economic development and the percentage of those dollars that are aimed at natural resource-based industries;

2. Analyzes existing education programs and the status of workforce wages and benefits and the average age and availability of workers to fill the current needs of natural resource-based industries;

3. Develops a proposal based on the analysis pursuant to subsection 2 to establish education programs for secondary and postsecondary schools, including vocational and technical college systems,

with the aim of increasing the number of trained entrants into the natural resource-based industries; and

4. Identifies barriers to and opportunities for enhancing the growth and sustainability of the State's natural resource-based industries.

Following receipt of the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters may report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 100

H.P. 1879 - L.D. 2615

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Limit, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Limit, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A is authorized.