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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2002**

status report on the task force's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds; and be it further

**Sec. 12. Funding. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 7103, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,260 from the Railroad Preservation and Assistance Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 7103 to the Legislature to fund the task force. These funds must be used for all costs incurred to pay the per diem and expenses of members of the task force who are Legislators and members who are not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent, the costs to print the task force report and other related costs; and be it further

**Sec. 13. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

#### LEGISLATURE

##### Task Force on Rail Transportation

Initiative: Provides funds for the per diem and expenses for Legislators and other eligible members of the Task Force on Rail Transportation and to print the required report.

Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
Personal Services	\$0	\$2,860
All Other	0	3,400
Total	\$0	\$6,260

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

Effective April 11, 2002.

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## CHAPTER 121

### H.P. 370 - L.D. 472

#### Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission

**Sec. 1. Commission on Fatherhood Issues established. Resolved:** That the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of the following 9 members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

3. Two public members appointed by the President of the Senate; and

4. Two public members appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member is the Senate chair of the commission and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by the appointing authorities once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the commission shall convene the first meeting of the commission no later than August 21, 2002. The chairs of the commission shall call no more than 4 meetings; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study issues associated with being a father in the State.

1. In conducting the study, the commission shall:

A. Determine the multiple barriers to fathers' involvement in the lives of their children;

B. Identify the availability of private and public services statewide to enhance the parenting abilities of fathers;

C. Identify significant personal, institutional, legal and cultural barriers to active, positive parenting by fathers; and

D. Identify and develop strategies to improve the parenting abilities of fathers across the socioeconomic spectrum and varying resident status; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members of the commission are entitled to the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine

Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities whom they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, no later than November 6, 2002. The commission is authorized to introduce legislation related to its report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The commission may not incur expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a status report on the commission's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Commission on Fatherhood Issues**

Initiative: Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the reimbursement of necessary expenses of public members of the Commission on Fatherhood Issues, as well as printing and mailing costs.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,100
All Other	<u>0</u>	<u>2,600</u>
General Fund Total	\$0	\$3,700

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 122**

**H.P. 1434 - L.D. 1931**

**Resolve, Appropriating Funds for the Seeds of Peace International Camp**

**Preamble.** Whereas, for 10 years, Seeds of Peace International Camp located in Otisfield has been bringing teenagers from regions in conflict around the

world to learn about conflict resolution and the art of peacemaking; and

**Whereas,** Seeds of Peace International Camp has received worldwide recognition as an effective model for resolving international conflict, including a UNESCO Peace Prize from the United Nations and the International First Freedom Award from the Council for America's First Freedom; and

**Whereas,** Maine is the home of many honored peacemakers including Samantha Smith and George Mitchell; and

**Whereas,** Seeds of Peace International Camp has received support from numerous Maine businesses and educational institutions; and

**Whereas,** it is appropriate and fitting that the State, as the home of peacemakers, should demonstrate its support of the unique efforts of Seeds of Peace International Camp; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Resolve 1999, c. 71, §4, repealed. Resolved:** That Resolve 1999, c. 71, §4, is repealed; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship**

Initiative: Provides funds for a one-time appropriation to support scholarships for the Seeds of Peace International Camp in Otisfield.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
All Other	\$0	\$25,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 123**

**H.P. 1465 - L.D. 1962**

**Resolve, to Reduce Pollution of Androscoggin Lake by Repairing and Altering the Existing State-owned Barrier on Dead River in Leeds**

**Sec. 1. Study; report. Resolved:** That, using funds appropriated under this resolve for these purposes, the Department of Environmental Protection has the following duties.

**1. Protection of Androscoggin Lake; feasibility study.** The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, working with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, affected municipali-