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participation in the energy supply business. The review must be conducted through a public investigative proceeding. For the purposes of this section, "energy supply business" includes owning, operating or having an interest in electric generation facilities, load management activities or demand-side management activities. The review must address, but is not limited to:

1. The laws and rules that would need to be changed to allow electric utilities to participate in the energy supply business;

2. Potential impacts of electric utility participation in the energy supply business on unregulated generators of electricity and on competitive electricity providers;

3. Potential impacts of electric utility participation in the energy supply business on consumers of electricity;

4. The relative advantages and disadvantages of various methods and options for allowing utility participation in the energy supply business;

5. Options for regulatory oversight and approval of electric utility participation in the energy supply business;

6. Options for restricting electric utility participation in the energy supply business in terms of the size or type of generation facility, total production, as measured in megawatts, and fuel source, including limiting production to renewable resources;

7. Specific issues presented by the participation of consumer-owned electric utilities in the energy supply business;

8. Options for obtaining additional benefits for electricity consumers as a result of the State's participation in regional arrangements and the State's role in siting new electricity generation facilities to serve the regional market; and

9. Potential stranded costs and the recovery of any stranded costs that may be associated with electric utility participation in the energy supply business; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission shall report its findings and recommendations for further action and legislation to implement its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy; and be it further

Sec. 3. Authority to submit legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of this resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 55

H.P. 1175 - L.D. 1666

Resolve, To Promote Energy Conservation in Schools

Sec. 1. Plan for energy efficiency and conservation in schools. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall develop a plan to increase energy efficiency and conservation in school facilities in the State, to promote opportunities for school administrative units to participate in the Public Utilities Commission's Efficiency Maine programs and to encourage data collection on school energy consumption and costs. The commission shall report on the plan as part of the annual report required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3211-A, subsection 11.

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CHAPTER 56

H.P. 847 - L.D. 1154

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Expend Funds for Fisheries and Waterfront Initiatives

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 120th Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the Portland Drydock for certain purposes identified in Public Law 2001, chapter 83, Part A, section 6; and

Whereas, the identified purposes included the establishment of a dredging and marine infrastructure loan fund; and

Whereas, the Department of Transportation executed a Letter of Agreement with Coastal Enterprises, Inc. granting to that entity \$1,000,000 to administer its working waterfront loan fund to be used in Portland Harbor; and

Whereas, the fund has never achieved the goals originally identified; and

Whereas, the original intent of the fund would be best served by expanding the availability of the funds to other users for other purposes; 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 preserva-