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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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- 2. Maine Grocers Association;
- 3. Maine Merchants Association;
- 4. Maine Oil Dealers Association;
- 5. Maine State Chamber of Commerce;
- 6. Natural Resources Council of Maine;
- 7. American Chemistry Council;
- 8. A grocery chain with a large number of stores in the State;
- 9. A retail store chain with a large number of stores in the State; and
- 10. Other entities as appropriate; and be it further

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the work group shall:

- 1. Assess existing recycling infrastructure capacities within the State;
- 2. Design a regional pilot program that includes an assessment of current state law governing waste reduction, including, in particular, an assessment of technical assistance available to municipalities and businesses in those municipalities;
- 3. Create a memorandum of understanding with guiding principles, recycling goals and benchmarks for the overall reduction of disposable checkout bag distribution and waste;
- 4. Design a statewide promotional media campaign; and
- 5. Identify funding needs, resources and partners; and be it further

Sec. 4. Existing resources. Resolved: That the duties described in section 3 must be completed within existing resources of the Executive Department, State Planning Office; and be it further

Sec. 5. Report; authority to submit legislation. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2010, the work group shall submit a report relating to the subject matter of this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The report must include findings, recommendations and draft legislation to implement the recommendations. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 55

H.P. 809 - L.D. 1170

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Report on the Accuracy of Election Results

Sec. 1. Secretary of State to examine recent election recounts. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall examine the results of at least 20 recent election recounts and compare those results with the original vote totals announced for those elections. The Secretary of State shall include in this examination elections that were conducted using electronic vote tally machines and elections in which the ballots were hand-counted; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall issue a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs no later than February 15, 2010 based on the examination under section 1 that lists the election night vote tally versus the recount vote tally for the elections examined. The report must include any reasons discovered for discrepancy, including failure to properly follow post-election procedures. The report must make recommendations and suggest legislation that would establish a formal system for comparing election night vote tallies to recount vote tallies to provide ongoing information regarding the accuracy of election results in the State. The Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on the information received in the report.

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CHAPTER 56

S.P. 441 - L.D. 1193

Resolve, To Establish Uniform Protocols for the Use of Controlled Substances

Sec. 1. Board of Licensure in Medicine to convene stakeholders to develop common protocols for the use and administration of controlled substances. Resolved: That the Board of Licensure in Medicine shall convene a group of stakeholders, including but not limited to representatives from the State Board of Nursing, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Maine Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Board of Licensure of Podiatric Medicine and the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop common protocols for the use and