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crease access and opportunities for public use of the Eagle Lake Public Reserve Lands; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to offer to convey certain land in T16 R6. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this resolve as "the director," shall offer to convey, by quitclaim deed with covenant to Roosevelt Conference Center doing business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, and its successors and assigns, the land described in the lease of land in Township 16, Range 6 current as of the effective date of this resolve from the State to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps and such additional contiguous land as agreed to by the director and the purchaser to the east of the leased land for a total of 12.86 acres, subject to the State's retaining or withholding any rights to subdivide the land conveyed. In addition, the director shall offer to convey to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps an access right-of-way that is no greater than 66 feet wide along the service road to the Square Lake Road. The conveyance of the right-of-way must include conditions that allow Eagle Lake Sporting Camps to maintain the road and make road improvements after acquiring prior written approval from the State. If Eagle Lake Sporting Camps accepts the offer, the director at the State's expense and the purchaser at the purchaser's expense each shall obtain a professional appraisal of the property to be conveyed under this resolve and the higher of the 2 appraisals is the sale price. The use of the property conveyed is restricted to the operation of a commercial sporting camp, in keeping with the historical traditions of the area in general and particularly of this property. If at any time following conveyance the property is no longer used for the purpose described in this section, title to the property reverts to the State without cost and any buildings that occupy the site must be removed by the owner at the owner's own cost upon request of the State. The owner has 180 days from the date of notice to remove buildings. After 180 days from the date of notice, ownership of any buildings remaining on the property reverts to the State.

The director shall ensure that the deed conveying the land contains the following covenant, or words to such effect: As a condition of the conveyance of the property, Eagle Lake Sporting Camps and its successors and assigns agree that they will never ask for any changes to the deed and that they will neither ask for nor accept any further grants of land from the State other than the 12.86-acre parcel conveyed pursuant to this resolve. A violation of this covenant results in the immediate reversion of the parcel to the State.

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**CHAPTER 81
S.P. 258 - L.D. 892**

Resolve, To Require the Examination of Alternatives to the Service Provider Tax

Sec. 1. Examination of alternatives to the service provider tax. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and other state agencies that the departments determine should be included shall examine the service provider tax imposed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 358 and alternatives to that tax. The departments shall submit a report on their findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation by March 1, 2020 describing the advantages and disadvantages of the service provider tax and alternatives that were examined. The committee may submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 82
S.P. 412 - L.D. 1324**

Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security

Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved: That the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," is established.

Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved: That the committee consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a representative of each of the following joint standing committees:

- A. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing;
- B. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; and
- C. The Joint Standing Committee on Taxation;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a representative of each of the following joint standing committees:

- A. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing;

B. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; and

C. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business;

3. Two members of the public who represent low-wage workers and recipients of public benefits, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. One member of the public who represents business and industry, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5. One member who represents higher education, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

6. One member who represents a trade union, appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the committee.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of committee. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the committee to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the committee shall examine and make recommendations on the feasibility of providing basic economic security through a direct cash payment system and other programs that are designed to help individuals and families become more economically secure, including, but not limited to:

1. Tax rebates and credits, including strengthening the earned income tax credit and a negative income tax;
2. Universal basic income and unconditional cash transfers to residents of the State; and
3. Other direct cash benefit programs.

The committee shall also investigate the effectiveness of existing safety net programs, such as tax credit, child care and food supplement programs, and compare those programs to any recommended direct cash payment programs.

In fulfilling its duties under this section, the committee shall as necessary invite input from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,

Bureau of Revenue Services and from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than November 4, 2020, the committee shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved: That the committee shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

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CHAPTER 83

H.P. 1166 - L.D. 1614

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry

Sec. 1. Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry established. Resolved: That the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 14 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;