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Committee Name	Title	Sponsors	Date Approved/Action

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry			
L.D. 253	An Act to Require a Search Warrant to Investigate Private Property for the Purpose of Forestry Examinations	SNOWE-MELLO BENNETT	05/12/97
L.D. 289	Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study Maine Forest Practices	DEXTER CASSIDY	05/12/97
L.D. 968	An Act to Require Recommended Silvicultural Stocking Standards on Land Ownerships Enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Laws	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1200	An Act to Reform the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1311	An Act to Prohibit Clear-cutting	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1395	Resolve, to Establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1405	An Act to License Timber Harvesters and Deter Timber Trespassing	DESMOND	05/12/97
L.D. 1430	An Act to Regulate Professional Loggers	KILKELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 1465	An Act to Limit Liquidation Harvesting	SHIAH	05/12/97
L.D. 1473	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Forest Practices	CASSIDY BARTH	05/12/97
L.D. 1518	Resolve, to Establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission	VOLENIK	05/12/97
L.D. 1746	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Development and Centralized Listing of Municipal Ordinances That Apply to Forest Practices	KILKELLY GREEN	05/12/97
L.D. 1766	An Act to Improve Management of Maine's Forests	SHIAH	05/12/97
L.D. 1852	An Act to Reorganize and Clarify the Laws Relating to the Establishment, Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Parks and Lands	KILKELLY BUNKER	05/21/97
L.D. 1874	An Act to Establish Limitations on Swine-feeding Operations	PARADIS	05/22/97
Appropriations and Financial Affairs			
L.D. 537	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build 3 Regional Psychiatric Facilities	BRENNAN HARRIMAN	05/12/97

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L.D. 791	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Aid in the Construction of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service on the Campus of the University of	MITCHELL E LAWRENCE	05/12/97
L.D. 890	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Reserve Fund	BENNETT KERR	05/15/97
L.D. 1658	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Implement a Statewide Economic Improvement Strategy	LAWRENCE MITCHELL E	05/22/97
L.D. 1761	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Make Necessary Improvements to the State House	MITCHELL E MICHAUD	05/15/97
L.D. 1810	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$6,000,000 for Critical Marine Infrastructure and Technology Investments	GOLDTHWAIT ETNIER	05/22/97
L.D. 1811	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Construction of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	LAWRENCE	05/15/97
L.D. 1812	An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$79,500,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, State and Local Bridges, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and	O'GARA CLUKEY	05/27/97
L.D. 1829	An Act to Change the State's Fiscal Year from July 1st to October 1st	PINGREE KONTOS	05/15/97
L.D. 1840	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 for Development of the East-West Highway	SAXL J	05/15/97
Banking and Insurance			
L.D. 307	An Act to Allow Self-referral for Obstetrical Care in Managed Care Plans	VIGUE DAGGETT	05/12/97
L.D. 889	An Act to Ensure Fair Claims Settlement Practices	LAFOUNTAIN	05/12/97
L.D. 1243	An Act to Protect the Privacy of Genetic Information	RAND	05/12/97
L.D. 1540	An Act to Establish a State Disaster Relief Trust Fund	KERR	05/12/97
L.D. 1783	An Act to Clarify the Laws Concerning Claims Settlement Practices	VIGUE JENKINS	05/12/97
L.D. 1848	An Act to Create the Managed Care Ombudsman Program	SAXL J	05/15/97
L.D. 1857	An Act to Protect Patients of Managed Care Plans	BROOKS	05/15/97

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Business and Economic Development			
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L.D. 1483	An Act to License Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard-of-hearing	TREAT	05/12/97
L.D. 1525	An Act to License Massage Therapists under the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers	KILKELLY WATSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1580	An Act to Improve Allopathic and Osteopathic Physician Oversight	BUCK RAND	05/12/97
Criminal Justice			
L.D. 65	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Reimbursement to the Counties for Community Corrections	MCALEVEY LAFOUNTAIN	05/12/97
L.D. 515	An Act to Set a Fixed Rate for Housing of State Prisoners	BUNKER	05/12/97
L.D. 753	An Act to Allow Police to Take Intoxicated Persons into Custody	LEMKE	05/12/97
L.D. 804	Resolve, to Create the Juvenile Crime Task Force to Develop a Continuum of Services for Juveniles	TREAT	05/12/97
L.D. 862	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Examine the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Offenders	PLOWMAN	05/12/97
L.D. 915	An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Juvenile Petition, Adjudication and Disposition	BUNKER	05/12/97
L.D. 1592	An Act to Require Post-release Supervision of Prisoners Who Are Identified as High-risk Offenders	BUNKER	05/21/97
L.D. 1667	An Act to Permit Involuntary Medication of Mentally Ill Persons Residing in Department of Corrections Facilities	MITCHELL B JONES SL	05/21/97
L.D. 1719	An Act Concerning Firearm Purchase Background Checks	HALL	05/21/97
L.D. 1870	An Act to Amend Criminal OUI Penalties Concerning Suspension of a Motor Vehicle Driver's License BY REQUEST	COWGER KILKELLY	05/21/97
Education and Cultural Affairs			
L.D. 623	An Act to Provide Opportunities for Choice within the Public School System	AMERO	05/21/97
L.D. 1045	Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Research and Development Investment	BIGL	05/12/97

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L.D. 1168	Resolve, to Reorganize the University of Maine System	LIBBY	05/21/97
L.D. 1260	An Act Allowing Schools to Remain on the School Construction Account Priority List	MURPHY	05/12/97
L.D. 1325	An Act to Make the State Board of Education Elected	LEMKE HALL	05/12/97
L.D. 1340	An Act to Establish a Public Education Assessment Advisory Commission	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1398	An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding the Discipline of Exceptional Students	CLUKEY	05/21/97
L.D. 1416	An Act Concerning Eligibility for Service on a School Board	KILKELLY	05/21/97
L.D. 1436	An Act to Amend School Construction Laws	TREAT COWGER	05/12/97
L.D. 1544	An Act to Amend the Process by Which School Construction Is Approved	TRUE	05/12/97
L.D. 1601	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require the Legislature to Provide a Statewide System of Uniform and High-quality Education	LONGLEY	05/12/97
L.D. 1622	An Act to Require That a Course in Multicultural Education Be Included in All Teacher Preparation Programs in the State	MCKEE PARADIS	05/12/97
L.D. 1652	An Act to Establish the Dirigo Higher Education Bond Program to Provide Financial Aid to Maine Students	DAVIDSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1653	An Act to Abolish the State Board of Education	JOY	05/12/97
L.D. 1717	An Act Establishing a Higher Education Trust as an Instrumentality of the State	MITCHELL E PENDLETON P	05/12/97
L.D. 1718	An Act to Create a Prepaid Tuition Plan	KONTOS AMERO	05/12/97
L.D. 1721	An Act Regarding Appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees	CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 1725	An Act to Authorize Interlocal Agreements for Construction and Operation of Public Education Fiber-optic Transmission Systems	PARADIS O'NEAL	05/12/97
L.D. 1769	An Act to Authorize Additional Adjustments to the State Share of School Funding	DESMOND KILKELLY	05/12/97

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L.D. 1778	An Act to Establish the Maine Prepaid College Tuition Program	MURRAY WATSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1825	An Act to Authorize a Tuition Savings Plan to Encourage Attendance at Institutions of Higher Education	PENDLETON P KONTOS	05/21/97
L.D. 1861	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide Equal Educational Funding	PARADIS BELANGER D	05/21/97
Health and Human Services			
L.D. 153	An Act to Provide Social Services to Children in Need of Services and State Supervision	BUNKER PARADIS	05/12/97
L.D. 1113	An Act to Require the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to Report the Facts of an Unnatural Death of a Patient under the Care of the Department to the Legislature	BENOIT	05/12/97
L.D. 1199	An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition and Support for Low-income Legal Immigrants	MITCHELL J PARADIS	05/12/97
L.D. 1302	An Act to Amend the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program	RAND SAXL M	05/21/97
L.D. 1570	An Act to Require Tobacco Manufacturers to Disclose Ingredients Contained within Tobacco Products	MILLS NUTTING	05/12/97
L.D. 1585	An Act to Provide Additional Adoption Assistance to State Employees	SPEAR	05/12/97
L.D. 1677	An Act to Improve Children's Health	LONGLEY MITCHELL E	05/21/97
L.D. 1737	An Act to Provide for Confidentiality of Health Care Information	FULLER	05/12/97
L.D. 1750	An Act Concerning the Rights of Children with Special Needs	MITCHELL J	05/12/97
L.D. 1779	An Act Regarding Access to Medical Information	PINGREE WATSON	05/12/97
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife			
L.D. 152	An Act to Create a 3-Person Regional Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council within Each Resource Management Administrative Region	UNDERWOOD	05/12/97

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L.D. 368	An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Create Lifetime Fishing and Hunting Licenses	CHICK HALL	05/12/97
L.D. 751	An Act to Outlaw the Use of Eel Pots in Inland Waters	STEDMAN	05/12/97
L.D. 1159	An Act to Open Trapping Season on Saturday	GOODWIN	05/12/97
L.D. 1162	An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Authority	O'NEIL KIEFFER	05/15/97
L.D. 1479	An Act to Decriminalize Various Fish and Game Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1801	An Act to Adopt Long-range Changes in the Methods by Which Whitewater Rafting Trips Are Allocated among Licensees	MILLS	05/12/97
Judiciary			
L.D. 29	An Act to Amend the Wrongful Death Laws	LAFOUNTAIN LEMAIRE	05/12/97
L.D. 30	An Act to Exclude Intentional Tort Claims from the Application of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992	LAFOUNTAIN DAVIDSON	05/12/97
L.D. 76	An Act to Amend the Uniform Health Care Decisions Law	CARLETON	05/12/97
L.D. 582	An Act to Amend the Procedures for Medical Malpractice Screenings	JABAR	05/12/97
L.D. 869	An Act to Amend the Statute of Limitations for Health Care Providers and Health Care Practitioners to Include a Discovery Rule	RAND	05/12/97
L.D. 916	An Act to Allow Physician-assisted Deaths for the Terminally Ill	BROOKS MITCHELL B	05/12/97
L.D. 964	An Act to Transfer Certain Tribal Holdings into a Trust	MOORE	05/12/97
L.D. 1050	An Act to Revise the Prelitigation Malpractice Screening Panel Procedures, Criteria and Composition	SAVAGE	05/12/97
L.D. 1057	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Wrongful Death and Recoveries for Wrongful Death	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1181	An Act to Change the Comparative Negligence Laws	MITCHELL J	05/12/97
L.D. 1208	An Act to Allow the Courts to Suspend the Drivers' Licenses of Individuals Convicted of Civil Offenses Who Fail to Pay Their Fines within the Time Limits Ordered by the Court	GOOLEY BENOIT	05/21/97
L.D. 1328	An Act to Enact the Uniform Transfer on Death Security Registration Act	NASS LIBBY	05/12/97

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L.D. 1372	An Act to Unify the Court System	JABAR	05/12/97
L.D. 1384	An Act to Reform Procedure in Multiparty Lawsuits	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1482	An Act to Expand the Duties of the Violations Bureau and Enhance the Enforcement of Civil Violations	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1583	An Act to Establish the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act	TAYLOR	05/12/97
L.D. 1636	An Act to Make Mediation Mandatory in Medical Malpractice Proceedings	MILLS	05/12/97
L.D. 1670	An Act to Limit Indemnification in Construction Contracts	PLOWMAN	05/15/97
L.D. 1728	An Act to Promote Professional Competence and Improve Patient Care	GOLDTHWAIT	05/12/97
L.D. 1729	An Act to Require Health-care Providers to Honor Do Not Resuscitate Orders	GOLDTHWAIT TUTTLE	05/15/97
L.D. 1784	An Act to Expedite the Operation of Prelitigation Screening Panels under the Maine Health Security Act	THOMPSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1786	An Act to Adopt the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act	LANE	05/12/97
L.D. 1793	An Act Regarding the Activities of Nonprofit Corporations	THOMPSON	05/12/97
L.D. 1807	An Act to Provide for Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators	PLOWMAN	05/12/97
Labor			
L.D. 196	An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers	HATCH	05/12/97
L.D. 300	An Act to Prohibit an Employer from Hiring Replacement Workers during a Strike	SAMSON CATHCART	05/22/97
L.D. 568	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Raising the Minimum Wage	POVICH	05/12/97
L.D. 633	An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Minimum Wage Earners	SHIAH CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 688	An Act to Increase Maine's Minimum Wage	VOLENIK RAND	05/12/97
L.D. 835	Resolve, Instructing the Workers' Compensation Board to Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Occupational Disease Law	WINSOR	05/14/97

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L.D. 999	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System	HATCH CATHCART	05/12/97
L.D. 1100	An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Vesting in the Maine State Retirement System	HATCH	05/12/97
L.D. 1192	An Act to Provide Adjustments to Accommodate Increases in the Cost of Living for Injured Workers	SAMSON	05/14/97
L.D. 1193	An Act to Permit a Suit Against an Employer Who Knowingly Places a Worker at Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death	BOLDUC RAND	05/14/97
L.D. 1318	An Act to Clarify the Doctrine of Res Judicata in Workers' Compensation Cases	HATCH	05/14/97
L.D. 1370	Resolve, to Create Pension Portability for State and Local Government	SAXL M DAGGETT	05/12/97
L.D. 1457	An Act to Extend the Period for Payment of Workers' Compensation Benefits	CLARK	05/12/97
L.D. 1567	An Act to Reinstate Limited Rehabilitation Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 for Those with Long-term Disabilities	MILLS	05/21/97
L.D. 1661	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security	BENOIT	05/14/97
L.D. 1708	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Issue of Discrimination against Veterans in Workers' Compensation Cases BY REQUEST	LANE RUHLIN	05/14/97
L.D. 1847	An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for the 38th Training Troop of the Maine State Police	MCALEVEY CAREY	05/22/97
Legal and Veterans Affairs			
L.D. 708	An Act to Protect Small, Independent Businesses Not Meeting Minimum Lottery Sales Requirements	FULLER KILKELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 989	An Act to Grandfather Existing Structures in Relation to Fire Doors and Exits	TUTTLE	05/12/97
L.D. 1072	An Act Pertaining to the Sanford National Guard Armory	TUTTLE MACKINNON	05/12/97
L.D. 1676	An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State	SPEAR NUTTING	05/12/97
L.D. 1799	An Act to Privatize Liquor Sales	KERR AMERO	05/12/97

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L.D. 1827	An Act to Authorize the Operation of Video Gaming Terminals by Certain Nonprofit Organizations	DAGGETT DUNLAP	05/14/97
L.D. 1828	An Act to Preserve Financial Integrity of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	MICHAUD	05/12/97
L.D. 1846	An Act to Prohibit the Opening of Liquor Stores on the Maine Turnpike	DONNELLY	05/12/97
L.D. 1876	Resolve, to Allow Certain Employees to Continue to Sue the State to Recover Wages Improperly Denied under Federal Wage and Hour Laws	KONTOS LAWRENCE	05/27/97
Marine Resources			
L.D. 1445	An Act to Establish a Requirement That Holders of Lobster Fishing Licenses Must Own or Control the Vessel from Which They Conduct Authorized Activities	ETNIER	05/12/97
L.D. 1478	An Act to Decriminalize Various Marine Resource Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties	MILLS	05/12/97
Natural Resources			
L.D. 80	An Act to Protect Internal Waters of the State	PAUL	05/12/97
L.D. 660	An Act to Opt out of the Federal Requirement to Use Reformulated Fuel	TRIPP CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1730	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Great Pond Task Force	TREAT COWGER	05/12/97
L.D. 1836	An Act to Facilitate Delegation of the Federal Waste Discharge Permitting Program	COWGER	05/12/97
State and Local Government			
L.D. 77	An Act to Change the Budgeting Process for York County	JOYNER	05/12/97
L.D. 188	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Minimum Qualifications for the Treasurer of State	DONNELLY AMERO	05/21/97
L.D. 361	An Act to Encourage Regionalization of Municipal Services	GAGNON CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 566	An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature	GERRY PINGREE	05/12/97
L.D. 1204	An Act to Establish the Maine Disaster Relief Laws	DAVIDSON	05/12/97

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L.D. 1358	An Act to Amend the Procedures for Finalizing the Kennebec County Budget	JONES SA CAREY	05/12/97
L.D. 1359	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Budget Process	BOUFFARD JENKINS	05/12/97
L.D. 1551	An Act to Amend the Amount of Retainage on Public Building Contracts	PLOWMAN	05/27/97
L.D. 1764	An Act to Establish an Office of Regulatory Reform within the Executive Branch	MACK LIBBY	05/12/97
L.D. 1777	An Act to Permit the Creation of Cooperative Municipal Fire Districts	DAGGETT GAGNON	05/12/97
Taxation			
L.D. 1748	An Act to Modernize Maine's Fuel Tax Laws	RUHLIN DRISCOLL	05/14/97
L.D. 1803	An Act to Encourage the Payment of Delinquent Taxes	DAGGETT	05/14/97
L.D. 1820	An Act to Establish a Penalty on Gains from the Sale or Exchange of Land from Which Timber Has Been Harvested	GREEN RUHLIN	05/14/97
L.D. 1824	An Act to Establish a System of Tax Revenue Targeting	RUHLIN DONNELLY	05/21/97
L.D. 1853	An Act to Exempt from State Income Tax Previously Taxed Contributions to an Individual Retirement Account	LIBBY JOYNER	05/21/97
Transportation			
L.D. 726	An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority	JOYCE	05/12/97
L.D. 757	An Act to Create Graduated Licenses	JOYNER BENNETT	05/14/97
L.D. 1594	An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way, Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000 to Fund Establishment of Freight Rail Service	GOODWIN	05/12/97
Utilities and Energy			
L.D. 224	An Act Regarding Charges Assessed against Owners of Sprinkler Systems	CAMPBELL	05/12/97
L.D. 1732	An Act to Provide Choice to Maine's Electricity Customers	CAREY	05/12/97

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L.D. 1788	An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Subscribers of the Sale or Transfer of an Interexchange Carrier or a Change in Rates	BUNKER	05/12/97

--- End of Report ---

RESOLUTION #1

Resolution, Calling on (1) the United States Congress to Enact Legislation to Reduce Emissions from Power Plants to Environmentally Comparable Levels Regardless of Age; (2) the Governor to Continue Maine's Involvement in Federal and Regional Efforts to Address the Environmental Impacts of Electric Utility Restructuring; and (3) the Owners of Utility-owned Fossil Fuel Plants to Voluntarily Limit Emissions.

Whereas, the electric power industry produces a substantial quantity of air pollutants causing significant harm to human health and natural resources, including acid deposition, fine particle inhalation, ozone smog, nitrification of water bodies, damage to forest growth, and reduced visibility; and

Whereas, these harms are especially acute in Maine, where pollutants accumulate from power generation upwind, are transported, and are added to in-state power emissions; and

Whereas, the vast majority of harmful power emissions come from the pre-1977 fleet of coal-and-oil-fired power plants which were exempted from stringent new permitting standards with the understanding and expectation that they would be retired and replaced within several decades' time; but which have not been retired and replaced, due to a variety of factors, therefore producing emissions as much as ten times the rate of new power plants; and

Whereas, due to the difficulty of addressing transported air pollution within the present structure of the Clean Air Act, power plants upwind of the Northeast are on average much dirtier than Northeast plants; and

Whereas, there is a risk that power sector emissions may increase as the electric industry moves toward price-driven competition in the next several years, if pre-1977 plants are less expensive to operate than cleaner generation, and if these plants increase their sales and output; and

Whereas it is anomalous and harmful to fair competition to maintain diverging environmental standards between regions, and between competitors, as electric markets become increasingly multi-regional and national, and emissions flow across regional boundaries; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Maine Legislature calls on:

1. The Congress of the United States to enact legislation to substantially reduce harmful air emissions from power plants to environmentally comparable levels, regardless of their age and that

Such legislation should cover at least precursor emissions of acid deposition, fine particulate matter, ozone smog, and nitrification; and that

Such legislation should include a reasonably designed emissions trading system allowing net emissions limits to be attained at the lowest possible cost with a reasonable phase-in period to allow for compliance;

2. The Governor to continue the State's involvement in ongoing federal and regional efforts to address the environmental consequences of electric utility restructuring to ensure the protection of the health and welfare of Maine's citizens and the State's natural resources; and

3. The owners of exempt utility-owned fossil fuel plants to enter into voluntary, non-regulatory plans that will reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulphur dioxide (SO2) to emissions levels required of new source power plants under the Clean Air Act, as of the effective date of the divestiture of generation set forth in ~~§ 3206~~ of "the Act to ~~Create Competition Among Sellers of Electricity While Preserving Protections for Retail Customers and the Environment.~~" Restructure the

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State's Electric Industry

3204

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

May 29, 1997

Hon. Mark W. Lawrence, President of the Senate
Hon. Elizabeth H. Mitchell, Speaker of the House
Members, Legislative Council
State House Station #115
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Sen. Lawrence, Rep. Mitchell and Members:

As you discuss LD 1452, "AN ACT to Establish the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State," please consider the ultimate agreement reached by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development resulting in an unanimous report in support of the bill.

Deliberations in the BEC Committee concluded that to potentially enhance growth in Northern Maine we need to encourage a measure through the establishment of a Task Force which would set out to study strategies designed to provide fair and equitable opportunities for economic growth statewide. With the compilation of valuable resources, the state of Maine may set forth plans to overcome present and future economic development barriers.

Attached are letters of support from other legislative members and interested parties. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of John T. Jenkins in cursive.

Sen. John T. Jenkins
Senate Chair *JTJ*

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Rep. Marc J. Vigue *MJV*
House Chair

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Northern Maine Development Commission

May 23, 1997

Honorable John T. Jenkins
Senate Chair, Business and Economic Development Committee
State House Station 3
Augusta, ME 04333-0003

Dear Senator Jenkins:

Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc. (NMDC) supports L.D. 1452, "An Act to Place a Moratorium on Construction and Development in Southern Maine and to Provide for Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State," sponsored by Representative Henry L. Joy.

The Committee Amendment to this bill would create a task force to study and make recommendations for equal economic opportunity for all regions of the state. NMDC is comprised of 71 communities and 127 unorganized townships situated in Aroostook County and parts of Washington, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties, collectively designated as the Northern Maine Economic Development District (NMEDD) by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

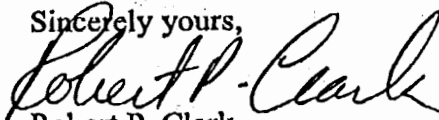
The Northern Maine EDD has experienced a decrease in population from 106,064 in 1960 to 86,936 (18% reduction) in 1990 and is projected to drop to approximately 79,000 (9% reduction in just 7 years). The Northern region of the state continues to have double digit unemployment in spite of the economic growth in southern Maine. We have developed and are currently implementing a tourism and business attraction marketing program for Northern Maine which we would be more than pleased to share with you if you feel it would further the work of the task force.

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Senator Jenkins — Page Two

We feel that the approach that L.D. 1452 proposes is reasonable and justified and we will support the task force in any way we can. We ask for your support for this important legislation as it will make a positive impact on all regions of the state. Thank you for your consideration of L.D. 1452 and if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call me at any time.

Sincerely yours,



Robert P. Clark
Executive Director

Cc: Representative Henry L. Joy

Send same letter to :

Honorable Marc J. Vigue
House Chair, Business and Economic Development Committee
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Dear Representative Vigue



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May 27, 1997

Rep. Marc Vigue, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development
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Dear Rep. Vigue:

I am writing to lend my full support of Rep. Joy's proposal to develop a plan that would assist the western, northern and western regions of Maine in attracting new business enterprises.

Historically, the "Two Maine" syndrome has been a stumbling block to new economic development in these three regions of the state. It is time to remove the barrier to doing business in these areas, and Rep. Joy's proposal is an appropriate vehicle to begin the process.

I commend your willingness to take the lead in conducting a series of meetings in the "other Maine." You have my full support in this important effort. This work can go a long way toward establishing economic equity. Furthermore, I would like to assist you in any way that I can in the plan's development.

Sincerely,

Christina L. Baker
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May 21, 1997

The Honorable John T. Jenkins
The Honorable Marc J. Vigue
Members of Joint Standing Committee on
Business and Economic Development

Dear Chairmen and Distinguished Committee Members:

I genuinely appreciate the outstanding leadership displayed by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development as it considers looking into potential opportunities for attracting and creating new businesses in northern, eastern, and western Maine.

I offer my full support of your intentions to visit these areas of Maine over the course of the summer. As a resident of northern Maine, and Representative of District 125, I would like to offer my unlimited assistance in this matter.

As you make plans to visit our area please feel free to call upon me. I would be happy to help in any way I can.

Again, thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Susan "Suz" Kasprzak
State Representative

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District 125 Charleston, Corinth, Exeter, Newport and Stetson

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Senator Mary R. Cathcart
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May 16, 1997

Sen. John Jenkins, Chair
Rep. Marc Vigue, Chair
Business and Economic Development Committee
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Sen. Jenkins and Rep. Vigue:

Rep. Henry Joy has told me that you have kindly offered to conduct a series of meetings in Northern Maine in order to assist with our local efforts to develop strategies for economic development in our region.

I wholeheartedly endorse this plan, and want to offer my assistance in setting up such a meeting in my district. I am confident that the towns I represent would welcome an opportunity to meet with you.

Please let me know how I may help with this effort.

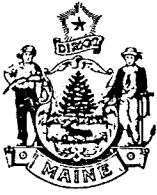
Sincerely,

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Mary R. Cathcart
Senator, District 7

MRC/rl

cc: Rep. Henry Joy



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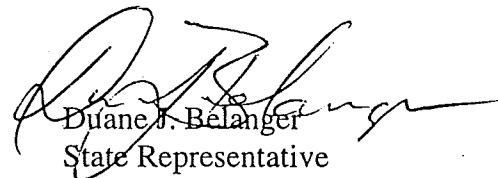
The Honorable John T. Jenkins, Chair
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Joint Standing Committee on Business & Economic Development
State House Room 120-B
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Jenkins, Representative Vigue and Honorable Members of the Joint
Standing Committee on Business & Economic Development:

I am writing to show my support of the Committee to go ahead with the proposal of holding meetings in the northern, western and eastern regions of the State to discuss strategies to attract new business enterprises. I am a strong supporter of economic development in these areas of Maine and feel that this "hands on" approach will aide the Committee understand the underdeveloped areas of our State.

Please consider these informational meetings and know that I am a very strong supporter of this project.

Sincerely


Duane J. Belanger
State Representative

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St. John and Winterville Plantations



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Joseph H. Bigl

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Senator Jenkins
Representative Vigue

Yes, I support Rep. Jory
and your proposed series
of meetings.

Joe Bigl



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May 15, 1997

The Honorable John T. Jenkins
The Honorable Marc J. Vigue
Joint Standing Committee on
Business & Economic Development

Dear Chairmen:

Recently, I spoke before your Committee as a Co-sponsor on behalf of LD 1452, a bill introduced by Representative Henry Joy. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the compassionate response you gave to the plight of those of us who live in the North Woods.

The controversy surrounding this bill could have sparked a defensive posture among the Committee members from southern Maine, instead, you listened, and you understood. The overwhelming support of the House in its recent vote against LD 1198, the "Wildlands Bill" is an indication to me that we as the people of Maine are still unified in our desire to uphold our Constitution, that directs us in part to "promote our common welfare."

I commend you for your desire to help those people from areas of our State who are being shut out of our common Natural Rights as proclaimed in Maine's Bill of Rights. Section 1: *"All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness."*

I understand part of your plan is to conduct a series of meetings in northern, eastern, and western Maine. If I can help you in any way as you pursue your plans, please count on me. Again, I sincerely thank you.

Respectfully,

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Pat Lane
State Representative

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*Rep Joy,
Thank you!
I will certainly lend
my support.
Sharon*

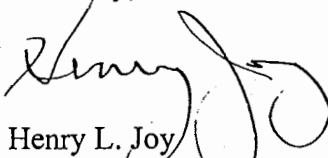
May 13, 1997

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Part of their plan is to conduct a series of meetings in these areas of the State. This can only be accomplished with your strong support. In order to bring this plan into action, they need letters of support from area leaders, legislators and citizens. I ask your assistance in this matter by sending letters of endorsement to the committee chairs, Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue.

Sincerely,


Henry L. Joy
State Representative

District 141 Amity, Bancroft, Crystal, Dyer Brook, Haynesville,
Hersey, Island Falls, Linneus, Mattawamkeag, Oakfield, Orient,
Patten, Sherman and Weston and Glenwood, Macwahoc and
Reed Plantations and Benedicta and Kingman Townships



JAMES O. DONNELLY
Republican Floor Leader

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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

May 14, 1997

Senator John T. Jenkins
Representative Marc J. Vigue
Business and Economic Development
State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Jenkins and Representative Vigue:

In the process of developing a plan to attract new businesses in northern, eastern and western areas of Maine it is my understanding that the Business and Economic Development Committee intends to conduct a series of meetings in these areas of the State.

This process to allow public input is extremely important and I would like to assist the committee in its efforts to conduct such a series in Aroostook County, particularly in Central Aroostook County. Please let me know how I can assist you in this process. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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James O. Donnelly
House Republican Leader

JOD/mm

cc: Representative Henry L. Joy



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