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REPORT OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO THE 101st LEGISLATURE

By joint order (SP304), as amended by House, Amendment A,
This committee was created on February 13, 1963, and the fol-
lowing members were appointed by the President of the Senate
and the Speaker of the House:

SENATE

Shelton C. Noyes, Chairman
Ralph M. Lovell
Loren E. Kimball

HOUSE

Elmont S. Tyndale, Chairman
Benjamin Crockett
Alma H. Oakes
David B. Benson
Ernest D. Smith
Edward A. Burns
George H. Roberts

This report is the result of long and careful considera-
tion by the members of this committee and the hearing of the
testimony of several hundred citizens of the State of Maine.
The present Department of Economic Development in common term-
inology is "spread too thin" and is attempting to "be all things
to all men," and therefore, impossible of accomplishing the
purposes for which it was established. In today's age of ra-
pid technological advancement, specialization is necessary.

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Thus, the present Department of Economic Development must be stream-lined and reorganized. Also, two specialized departments, to wit: a Department of Industrial Promotion and a Department of Tourist Promotion must be established.

The citizens of Maine have definitely shown that they are not satisfied with the present economy of the State and they feel that definite progressive changes need to be made. This committee feels that the following recommendations will achieve through specialized effort, more economic progress than has been accomplished under the present functioning of the Department of Economic Development.

The recommendations of this committee are as follows:

Recommendation No. 1:

That the Department of Economic Development be reorganized by the revising and rewriting of chapter 38-A.

Recommendation No. 2:

That a Department of Industrial Promotion be established, to be headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Council and to serve a concurrent term with the Governor. The specific duties of this department will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

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Recommendation No. 3:

That a Department of Tourist Promotion be established, to be headed by a Director appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Council and to serve a concurrent term with the Governor. The specific duties of this department will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 4:

That the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Industrial Promotion, and the Department of Tourist Promotion shall not come under the Provisions of the Personnel Law with the exception of clerical employees therein.

Recommendation No. 5:

That a Governor's Advisory Committee on Economic Development be established consisting of the following members: Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries & Game, Forestry Commissioner, Commissioner of Sea & Shore, Director of the Department of Maine Park & Recreation, Director of the Department of Economic Development, Director of the Department of Industrial Promotion, Director of the Department of Tourist Promotion, and 12 members of the public to be appointed by the Governor as representative a cross section of the economy of the State. The public members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years to serve concurrently with the

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Governor's term. The specific duties of this committee will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 6:

That the Museum be transferred to the Maine Park & Recreational Department. This transfer will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 7:

That the Eastern States Exposition Building be transferred to the Department of Tourist Promotion. This transfer will be defined in a separate bill to be presented by this committee.

Recommendation No. 8:

That no contractual employees shall be employed in any of the above contemplated departments.

This report, dated March 1, 1963, is respectfully submitted to the 101st Legislature.

Sen. Shelton C. Noyes

Sen. Ralph M. Lovell

Rep. David B. Benson

Sen. Loren E. Kimball

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