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**Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower  
Crops to Produce Biofuels**

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Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon and  
Senator: BERNARD of Aroostook, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, ARDELL of  
Monticello, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, GUERRETTE of Caribou,  
SWALLOW of Houlton, UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.

1           **Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That the Committee to Study the Use  
2 of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," is  
3 established.

4           **Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule  
5 353, the committee consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

6           1. One member of the Senate who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Energy,  
7 Utilities and Technology, appointed by the President of the Senate;

8           2. One member of the Senate who represents Aroostook County, appointed by the  
9 President of the Senate;

10          3. One member of the House of Representatives who serves on the Joint Standing  
11 Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, appointed by the Speaker of the  
12 House;

13          4. One member of the House of Representatives who represents Aroostook County,  
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

15          5. Two members, one of whom represents the office of the senior United States Senator  
16 and one of whom represents the office of the junior United States Senator, appointed by  
17 the President of the Senate;

18          6. One member representing the office of United States Representative from the State's  
19 Second Congressional District, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

20          7. One member who serves on the Maine Potato Board, appointed by the President of  
21 the Senate;

22          8. One member representing the University of Maine at Presque Isle, appointed by the  
23 Speaker of the House;

24          9. One member representing the Maine Energy Marketers Association, appointed by  
25 the President of the Senate; and

26          10. Two members representing renewable energy companies in the State, appointed  
27 by the Speaker of the House.

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

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

38           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall study the feasibility of using  
39 the State's sunflower crops to produce biofuels. As part of the study, the committee shall  
40 review current and past legislation and biofuel projects in Hawaii as a potential model for  
41 use in this State.

