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**Resolve, Directing Coordinated State Agencies To Negotiate with  
the Governing Leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and  
Montreal Pipe Line Limited for Sustainability-centered  
Repurposing of Stranded and At-risk Infrastructure Assets in  
Maine**

(EMERGENCY)

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South  
Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, RYKERSON of Kittery.

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the end of the 90-day period in  
4 order that the negotiations described in the legislation may begin as soon as possible; and

5           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9           **Sec. 1. Coordinated state agencies to negotiate with the governing**  
10 **leaderships of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line**  
11 **Limited for sustainability-centered repurposing of stranded and at-risk**  
12 **infrastructure assets in Maine. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and  
13 Community Development, the Governor's Energy Office, the Department of  
14 Environmental Protection, the Bureau of Land Resources within the Department of  
15 Environmental Protection, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and the Public  
16 Utilities Commission in coordination shall negotiate directly with the executive and board  
17 leaderships of the Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited parent  
18 companies Suncor Energy, Shell Oil Company and Imperial Oil Limited a proposal for  
19 repurposing the Portland-Montreal pipeline and related real estate holdings in the State.  
20 The proposal, building on the sustainability language promulgated by the companies,  
21 must include a redevelopment strategy and revenue model acceptable to those companies'  
22 investors in accordance with the companies' own sustainability goals. The asset to be  
23 addressed by the proposal is the pipeline itself, which is to be repurposed as a conduit for  
24 high-voltage electric transmission lines such as those that serve Hydro-Quebec and which  
25 will act as a timely alternative to the proposed New England Clean Energy Connect  
26 transmission project.

27           Under the proposal, existing Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line  
28 Limited employees would have their efforts directed toward the technical and  
29 management opportunities created by implementation of the proposal.

30           The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement  
31 and Business shall appoint a project liaison or project liaisons to coordinate the proposal  
32 over a 6-month period, which may be extended as needed. The scope of project  
33 coordination undertaken by the project liaison or project liaisons may include  
34 coordination with state agencies and local jurisdictions as well as coordination with land  
35 use regulators in New Hampshire, Vermont and the provincial government of Quebec,  
36 Canada.

37           **Sec. 2. Moratorium. Resolved:** That a state agency may not issue any further  
38 permits related to the New England Clean Energy Connect transmission project before  
39 the proposal under section 1 is complete, as determined by the Department of Economic  
40 and Community Development.

