

State of Maine

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and One

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REAUTHORIZE THE NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States, as follows:

~~WHEREAS~~, Maine has nearly 500 dairy farms annually producing milk valued at over \$100,000,000; and

~~WHEREAS~~, maintaining a sufficient supply of Maine-produced milk and milk products is in the best interest of Maine consumers and businesses; and

~~WHEREAS~~, a University of Connecticut study, done while the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact has been in existence, concluded that from July 1997 to July 2000, the price of milk to the consumer increased 29¢ of which 4 1/2¢ went to the farmer; and

~~WHEREAS~~, Maine is a member of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; and

~~WHEREAS~~, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact will terminate at the end of September 2001 unless action is taken by the Congress to reauthorize it; and

~~WHEREAS~~, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact's mission is to ensure the continued viability of dairy farming in the Northeast and to assure consumers of an adequate, local supply of pure and wholesome milk and also helps support the Women, Infants and Children program, commonly known as "WIC"; and

~~WHEREAS~~, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact has established a minimum price to be paid to dairy farmers for their milk, which has helped to stabilize their incomes; and

~~WHEREAS~~, in certain months the compact's minimum price has resulted in dairy farmers receiving nearly 10% more for their milk than the farmers would have otherwise received; and

~~WHEREAS~~, actions taken by the compact have directly benefited Maine dairy farmers by not diminishing the farmer's share; now, therefore, be it

~~RESOLVED~~: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress reauthorize the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; and be it further

~~RESOLVED~~: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, each member of the United States Congress who sits as chair on the United States House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture or the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the United States Secretary of Agriculture and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

House of Representatives

Read and Adopted

June 18, 2001

Sent for Concurrence

Ordered sent Forthwith



MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND

Clerk of the House

In Senate Chamber

Read and Adopted

June 18, 2001

In Concurrence



JOY J. O'BRIEN

Secretary of the Senate

H.P. 1378

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

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In Testimony Whereof, I have caused
the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed.
GIVEN under my hand at Augusta, this twentieth
day of May, in the year two thousand and one.


DAN A. GWADOSKY
Secretary of State