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## **MUSKIE FOLLOWS UP ON MAINE LEGISLATURE ACTION**

Senator Edmund S. Muskie announced today (Monday) that he has written Secretary of State William P. Rogers transmitting a Maine Legislature Resolution which calls for negotiations between the United States and Canada to establish responsibility for cleaning up coastal oil spills.

The letter was one of two steps Senator Muskie took in response to a joint resolution passed by the Maine Legislature urging such negotiations with regard to oil transport in Canada's Bay of Fundy.

The Legislature had also asked that the definition of the Eastern Seaward Boundary between the two nations be the subject of negotiations.

Senator Muskie also testified last week on this question before the Subcommittee on Oceans and International Environment of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He urged the negotiations to protect the Maine coast from catastrophic oil spills.

His announcement of these steps came in a letter to David J. Kennedy, Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, and Kenneth P. MacLeod, President of the Maine Senate.

"I am pleased that the 105th Legislature adopted this Resolution," Senator Muskie said. "It serves to underscore the need for an early agreement between our government and our Canadian neighbors."

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