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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 706, L.D. 885, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Allocations from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last 5 lines before the emergency clause (same in L.D.) and inserting in place thereof the following:

' Positions	(17)	(17)
Personal Services	\$181,580	\$185,302
All Other	206,752	207,752
Capital Expenditures	78,320	2,070
Research and Development	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Totals	\$566,652	\$495,124

This allocates the Maine Coastal Protection Fund as required by the public laws of 1969, chapter 572.

To the extent that / ^{other} disbursements may exceed normal operating and administrative expenses, the board may order disbursements to the full extent of the fund for clean-up and other costs as defined in Title 38, section 551, subsection 5, paragraphs B, D and E.'

Statement of Fact

The Maine Coastal Protection Fund was established by the Legislature to be available to clean up spills to the limit of the fund (\$4,000,000). While the budgeted allocation will take care of operating and administrative expenses including expected normal spills, it would not cover major spills such as the Tamano incident estimated at \$3,000,000 or other similar or larger spills which could occur. The amendment will keep the entire fund available for major and

catastrophic spills which appears to have been the legislative intent especially as set forth in Title 38, section 551.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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