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6 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1726, Bill, "AN 7 ACT to Transfer Certain Responsibilities for Insect Nui-8 sance Identification from the Department of Conservation 9 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural 10 Resources."

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11 Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the 12 enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

13 'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2701-A, first sentence, as enacted 14 by PL 1977, c. 645, is repealed and the following enacted in 15 its place:

16 If an entomologist employed by the Department of Agri-17 culture, Food and Rural Resources has reason to believe that 18 an insect infestation, arising from other than normal agri-19 cultural or fishing activities, is a public nuisance and he 20 is able to identify the source or sources of the infesta-21 tion, he shall refer all this information to the Attorney 22 General.

23 Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2701-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 24 645, is amended by adding after the first sentence a new 25 sentence to read:

26 In all other cases not involving agricultural or fishing activities, when the State Entomologist believes that an insect infestation is a public nuisance and is able to identify the source or sources of the infestation, he shall refer all this information to the Attorney General.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

32 The purpose of this amendment is to transfer from the 33 Department of Conservation to the Department of Agriculture, 34 Food and Rural Resources, the responsibilities for investi-35 gation and reporting of agricultural insect pest problems.

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