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L.D. 2048  
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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
110TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to Committee Amendment "A" to  
S.P. 906, L.D. 2048, Bill, "AN ACT to Protect the Atlantic  
Salmon Fishery in the Lower Penobscot River from Veazie to  
the Southernmost Point of Verona Island."

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after  
the title and inserting in its place the following:

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

38 MRSA §418-A is enacted to read:

§418-A. Protection of the lower Penobscot River

1. Findings. The Legislature finds that the lower  
Penobscot River is a unique and valuable natural resource.  
The lower Penobscot River serves as an example to the Nation  
that good public policy carefully implemented can restore  
and preserve our natural resources. The river has sup-  
ported, and is again beginning to support, the greatest run  
of Atlantic salmon in North America, providing a unique  
fishing opportunity for Maine residents. The Legislature  
declares that the preservation and restoration of the lower  
Penobscot River is of the highest priority.

2. Prohibition. To protect water quality and aquatic  
resources, fisheries and fishing opportunities, and as an  
exercise of the public trust of the State, no person, firm,  
corporation, municipality or other legal entity may erect,  
operate, maintain or use any dam on that portion of the  
Penobscot River downstream from the Bangor Hydroelectric  
Company Dam located at Veazie to the southernmost point of  
Verona Island for any purpose not previously authorized by  
act, resolve or operation of law, unless specifically  
authorized by the Legislature.

3. Study authorized. Any person, firm, corporation,

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3 municipality or other legal entity may study the feasibility  
4 of erecting, operating, maintaining or using a dam for  
5 hydroelectric generation on the portion of the Penobscot  
6 River described in subsection 2.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This amendment simplifies and clarifies the language of  
9 the committee amendment.

10 The amendment is intended not to infringe on any exist-  
11 ing legal rights, but requires specific legislative approval  
12 for expansion of any rights for hydroelectric generation on  
13 the lower Penobscot River.

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15 (Sen. Conley).  
16 NAME: *William J. Conley*  
17 COUNTY: Cumberland

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