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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1214, Bill, "Joint Study
Order Establishing a Committee to Examine Issues Relating to the
North American Free Trade Agreement"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting
the following:

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**'Joint Study Order Directing the Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Examine Issues Relating
to the North American Free Trade Agreement'**

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Further amend the joint order by striking everything after
the title to the end and inserting in its place the following:

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'ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing
Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry examine
issues relating to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

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1. Convening committee. The chairs of the Joint Standing
Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall call
and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than 30
days following the passage of this order.

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2. Duties. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry shall examine issues relating to the
North American Free Trade Agreement, including, but not limited
to, the following:

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2 A. Agriculture, agricultural products and activities
relating to agriculture;

4 B. Forestry, forestry products and activities relating to
6 forestry;

8 C. The impact of a lack of uniform standards for chemical
10 use and disease control on imported agricultural products;

12 D. Trees cut in this State by Canadian labor and exported
14 to Canada, then resold in the United States as finished
products;

16 E. The advantage for Canadian trade due to government
18 subsidies in health care and family subsidies for Canadian
workers; and

20 F. The use of a quota that bars United States exports of
agricultural products into Canada.

22 **3. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative
24 Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
necessary staffing services to the Joint Standing Committee on
26 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

28 **4. Meetings; compensation.** The Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall meet during the
interim as authorized by the President of the Senate and the
30 Speaker of the House. Members of the committee are entitled to
receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised
32 Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and
other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the
34 committee.'

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38 **SUMMARY**

The amendment directs the Joint Standing Committee on
40 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to examine issues relating
to the North American Free Trade Agreement in the course of its
42 authorized meetings during the interim. Under this amendment,
the committee is not required to publish a report.