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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
105th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 202, L. D. 269, Bill,
"AN ACT Classifying Mousam River, Main Stem, West Branch"

Amend said bill after the enacting clause by inserting at the beginning of the first line (same in L.D.) the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said bill by inserting before the statement of fact (same in L.D.) the following:

'Sec. 2. R. S., T. 38, § 368, amended. Subsection 4 of that part of section 368 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes which relates to waters captioned, Mousam River Basin, is amended by adding a new paragraph A to read as follows:

A. A municipality, sewer district, person, firm, corporation or other legal entity shall not be deemed in violation of this subsection at any time or times prior to October 1, 1974 with respect to those classifications if by such time or times he or it with respect to any project necessary to achieve compliance with applicable classification shall have completed all steps required to then be completed by the following schedule.

(1) Preliminary plans and engineers estimates shall be completed and submitted to the Environmental Improvement Commission on or before March 1, 1972.

(2) Arrangements for administration and financing shall be completed on or before March 1, 1972. This period,

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in the case of municipalities, shall encompass all financing including obtaining of state and federal grants.

(3) Detailed engineering and final plan formulation shall be completed on or before October 1, 1972.

(4) Review of final plans with the Environmental Improvement Commission shall be completed and construction commenced on or before June 1, 1973.

(5) Construction shall be completed and in operation on or before October 1, 1974.

This reclassification shall not be deemed to exempt any municipality, sewer district, person, firm, corporation or other legal entity from complying with the water quality standards of the last previous classification, as such standards existed on December 31, 1970, and enforcement action may be maintained for noncompliance therewith.'

Statement of Fact

The proposed amendment will exempt legal entities from complying with the new classification until October 1, 1974. It also requires all legal entities to comply with the existing classification in the interim. Violations of existing classification can be enforced by the Environmental Improvement Commission.

In addition a reasonable time schedule for the implementation

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of the new classification is proposed. This time schedule provides for procedures necessary in an orderly pollution abatement program.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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