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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
105TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to S. P. 474, L. D. 1494, Bill,
"AN ACT Regulating Catching Lobsters for Noncommercial Home
Consumption Use."

Amend said Bill in the title by inserting after the word
"Lobsters" the words 'and Scallops'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting
clause the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 4002, sub-§ 1-A, additional.
Section 4002 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by
section 3 of chapter 337 of the public laws of 1967, is further
amended by adding a new subsection 1-A to read as follows:

1-A. Exception. It is lawful for any person to fish for or
take scallops from the coastal waters of the State between the
15th day of April and the 31st day of the following October, of
each year, providing he does not take or possess more than 2
bushels of scallops in the shell in any one day, nor more than
4 quarts of shucked scallops for his own or his family's
consumption.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 1 and 2 to
be sections 2 and 3.

Statement of Fact

The present closed season from April 15 to October 31,
inclusive, is not based on biological knowledge of scallop
reproduction. It restricts scalloping during summer months, the

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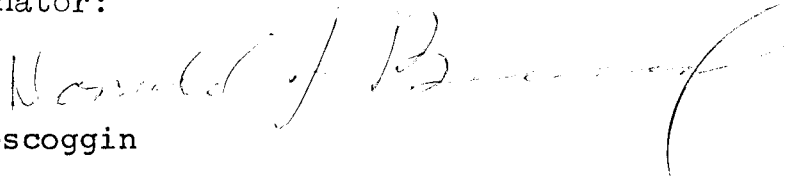
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season most attractive for taking scallops by scuba diving. The open season now in effect, November 1st to April 15th, represents the most dangerous time of the year for divers to venture out into the chilling 34 degree ocean water in quest of scallops for home consumption. Passage of this amendment would greatly increase the safety factor on behalf of scuba divers.

The amendment of the closed season would permit year-round scalloping by scuba divers and others. Since most commercial scalloping is done by offshore boats, there would be little overlap of the areas of commercial and scuba scalloping.

Proposed by Senator:
(Bernard)

NAME:



COUNTY: Androscoggin

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