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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 118, L.D. 263, Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across Cowseagan Narrows, Back River, between the Towns of Westport and Wiscasset."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:

' Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in order to comply with an Order of the Board of Environmental Protection dated August 23, 1972, as modified by its further Order dated September 27, 1972, it will be necessary for Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, at its own cost and expense, to have removed by the Department of Transportation the Cowseagan Narrows causeway, so called, between the Towns of Wiscasset and Westport, and to have the causeway replaced with a high level bridge, in order that the cooling water discharges from the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station in Wiscasset will not violate applicable water quality standards of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, construction of the bridge and removal of the causeway require immediate legislative authorization in order that the time schedule imposed by the Board of Environmental Protection in its Orders may be met; and

Whereas, the plant is now operational and any delay in this matter would be disadvantageous to the People of the State of Maine; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the Statement of Fact, the following emergency clause:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is reflected in the emergency preamble.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation

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