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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A " to H.P. 1497, L.D. 1924,
Bill, "AN ACT Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to
Investigate Certain Farming Practices."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending
clause and before the Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof
the following:

§ 17. Investigation authorized

In addition to duties expressly authorized in this Title, the
commissioner may, upon complaint or for other reasonable cause in-
vestigate any farm operation, method or practice with respect to
animal waste within the watersheds of bodies of water as designated
in the Department of Environmental Protection's report known as the
"State Continuing Planning Process" pursuant to Title III, section
303 (e) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of
1972 in order to determine whether such operation, method or practice
may have an adverse effect.

When in the opinion of the commissioner such adverse effects are
evident, he shall bring such fact to the attention of the appropriate
individuals and agencies empowered to restrain such practices
and equipped to provide assistance which may bring about necessary
improvements in the operation, method or practice cited. The cost of
such investigation shall be borne by the State.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to limit the scope of the
commissioner's powers.

Reported by the Committee of Conference.

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