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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2370

H. P. 1871

House of Representatives, January 16, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Transfer the Pesticides Control Board to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 22, § 1452, amended. Section 1452 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 447 of the public laws of 1965, and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1452. Board of Pesticides Control

There is established in the Department of Environmental Protection a Board of Pesticides Control to be composed of the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, the Director of the Bureau of Forestry, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, the Commissioner of Marine Resources, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, the Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The commissioners of the state departments may appoint agents to serve in their absence. ~~The board shall elect annually a chairman from its own membership~~ **Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall be chairman and be authorized to employ necessary personnel.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Management and Cost Survey Report, Recommendation #1, Board of Pesticides Control recommended abolishing the board and assign-

ing its functions to the Department of Environmental Protection. This bill does not abolish the Board. It is transferred intact to the Department of Environmental Protection. However, it would appear that the purposes of the recommendation would be accomplished. Governor Curtis supports this legislation in the Special Message of January 10, 1974.