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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to H. P. 560, L. D. 689, Bill, "AN ACT
Appropriating Funds for the State Share of the
Spruce Budworm Control Program and Imposing a
Tax on Forest Lands for Spruce Budworm Control."

Amend said Amendment by striking out in the
4th line the underlined word "Excise" and inserting
in place thereof the underlined words 'Special
assessment'

Further amend said Amendment in the 5th line by
inserting after the underlined word "parcels"
the underlined words 'in the affected spray area'

Further amend said Amendment in the 10th
line by striking out the underlined word "excise"
and inserting in place thereof the underlined
words 'special assessment'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out
in the 12th line the underlined figure "30¢"
and inserting in place thereof the underlined
figure '\$1.75'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out
in the 4th line of section 3 the word "excise"
and inserting in place thereof the words
'special assessment'

Further amend said Amendment by striking out
all of the Fiscal Note and inserting in place
thereof the following:

'Fiscal Note

The appropriation of \$3,856,350 set forth in
section 2 and section 3 will be offset by the
\$3,325,000 proceeds of the tax on forest land-
owners set forth in section 1, therefore the
net cost to the General Fund will be \$531,350.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment designates the tax in the committee amendment as a special assessment tax and raises that tax from 30¢ to \$1.75 per acre for owners of parcels in the affected spray area consisting of 500 acres of forest land, including timber and grass rights in public reserve lots, within the State, which are classified as forest land pursuant to chapter 105, subchapter II-A, the Tree Growth Tax Law. This increases the revenue from \$2,850,000 to \$3,325,000 and changes the net cost to the General Fund to \$531,350.

Filed by Mr. Peterson of So. Windham.

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