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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 550, L.D. 667, Bill, "AN ACT
Concerning Fly Fishing in the Kennebec River."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title
and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, because of an oversight the existing laws now
prohibit fly fishing on this portion of the Kennebec River; and

Whereas, fly fishing on the Kennebec River has been
traditional recreation enjoyed by many sportsmen for many years;
and

Whereas, allowing this bill to become effective 90 days
after adjournment would result in the bill becoming effective in
the middle of the fly fishing season; and

Whereas, allowing this bill to become effective in the
middle of the season would create confusion and misunderstanding
among sportsmen and would create great difficulties for officials
responsible for the enforcement of fisheries and wildlife laws; and

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 nec-
essary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

12 MRSA §2553-A, as repealed by PL 1975, c. 772, §17,
is reenacted to read:

§2553-A. Fly fishing in Kennebec River

Kennebec River, downstream from Indian Pond dam in
T1 R6, Somerset County to tidewater in Augusta, Kennebec
County, from September 15th to October 31st of each year, shall
be open to flyfishing only, for all fish with a one-fish daily
limit.

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

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to correct language which
would have closed this portion of the Kennebec River to all
fishing except fly fishing, and to enable passage as an emergency
so that it would become effective before this fly fishing season
began rather than in the middle of the season.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife.

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the House.
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