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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" S.P. 590, L.D. 1896, Bill, "AN ACT to Make Additional Corrections of Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 1-A. 1 MRSA §111-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 214, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§111-A. Arbor week

The State of Maine designates the 3rd full week in May as Arbor Week and recommends its observance by the public in the planting of trees, shrubs and vines, in the promotion of forest growth and culture, in the adornment of public and private grounds, places and ways, and in such other efforts and undertakings as shall harmonize with the general character of the week. The State of Maine further recommends that such week be observed in rural suburban schools by exercises appropriate to Arbor Week.

Sec. 1-B. 1 MRSA §117, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 262, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: The State of Maine designates December 21st of each year as Chester Greenwood Day and invites and urges the people of the State of Maine to observe this day in suitable places with appropriate ceremony and activity.'

Statement of Fact

This is an amendment to "AN ACT to Establish Chester Greenwood Day" and "AN ACT to Establish Arbor Week."

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These 2 bills, as originally enacted in this session, include language requiring proclamations by the Governor for these 2 commemorative events. However, this language causes certain difficulties with administration and raises questions concerning the most efficient utilization of executive time and resources. It will require someone to keep track of all of the commemorative events and to prepare all of the paper work for each one. In addition, it will lead to nonproductive use of the Governor's time.

The proposed change of language will alleviate these difficulties while retaining the intent of the Legislature. It will also make the language of these bills more consistent with the language concerning other commemorative events such as Poetry Day, Title 1, section 112. Interested citizens on a local level are in a better position to carry out the observance of these events.

Filed by Mr. Burns of Anson.

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