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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 479, L.D. 1362, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Protect Public and Private Property from Ice Jams."

Amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated  
"§193." by striking out all of subsection 3 and inserting in  
its place the following:

'3. Emergency. If the accumulation of ice or other  
debris creates an imminent hazard to public safety, the  
municipal officers, in consultation with the director of the  
local organization, may order the immediate removal of these  
obstructions.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated  
"§194." by striking out subsections 3 and 4 and inserting in  
their place the following:

'3. Notice. Prior to removing any ice jam, the director  
of the local organization shall notify the directors of the  
local organizations in any area that may reasonably be affected  
by the removal of an ice jam. Under no circumstances may any  
ice jams be removed without fulfilling this requirement.'

4. Methods. Municipalities may employ any method, in-  
cluding mechanical removal, dusting, icebreaking vessels or  
explosives to remove ice jams.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the responsibility for emergency removal of ice jams. The municipal officers, rather than the director of the local emergency organization, will have this responsibility.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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