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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 568,
L.D. 663, Bill, "AN ACT to Adjust the Service Fee
and Allocations of the Low-level Waste Siting Fund,
and to Adjust the Membership of the Low-level Waste
Siting Commission."

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12 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

13 Further amend the bill by striking out all of
14 section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

15 'Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §176, sub-§2, as enacted by PL
16 1981, c. 439, §9, is amended to read:

17 2. Service fee. In the fiscal years 1982 and
18 1983 a A service fee of \$1 \$10 per cubic foot shall
19 be levied on all low-level radioactive waste gener-
20 ated in this State and shipped to commercial disposal
21 facilities. The revenue from this service fee shall
22 be credited to the fund established in subsection 1
23 and used to carry out the purposes of this subchap-
24 ter. This service fee shall be levied only on
25 low-level radioactive waste generated and shipped on
26 or before December 31, 1985.'

27 Further amend the bill by adding before section 4
28 the following:

29 'Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §176, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
30 1981, c. 439, §9, is amended by adding at the end 2
31 new sentences to read:

32 The commissioner shall report annually, before Febru-
33 ary 1st, to the joint standing committee of the
34 Legislature having jurisdiction over natural
35 resources on the income to and expenditures from the

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1 Low-level Waste Siting Fund and on the budget for the
2 coming year. That report shall include total fees
3 received from each generator, and line item detail on
4 expenditures, including in-state travel and out-
5 of-state travel, printing, mailing and hearings; per-
6 sonnel; consultant services, general operating
7 expenses, supplies and overhead, for both the commis-
8 sion and the department.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This amendment puts a sunset date of December
11 31, 1985, on collection of the service fee on
12 low-level radioactive waste. Those funds are
13 intended for planning and technical studies on
14 low-level waste. Federal law allows interstate com-
15 pacts to exclude low-level radioactive waste that
16 originates outside the region as of January 1, 1986,
17 so the needs of Maine must be reviewed before that
18 date.

19 This amendment leaves the composition of the com-
20 mission as is. Finally, this amendment requires an
21 annual report on the income and expenditures of the
22 Low-level Waste Siting Fund.

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