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(New Draft of H.P. 153, L.D. 161)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1613

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H.P. 1217

House of Representatives, May 16, 1983

Reported by Representative Jacques from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Rolde of York. Cosponsored by Representative Tuttle of Sanford, Representative Ridley of Shapleigh and Representative Kiesman of Fryeburg.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

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AN ACT to Prevent the Closing of Fire  
Lookout Towers.

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

12 MRSA §8906, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is amended to read:

2. Equipment. The director may establish lookout stations connected by telephone and radio, and construct, equip and maintain office -- storehouse headquarters for necessary supplies, tools and equipment and provide for any other facilities essential for forest fire control. Within the Maine Forestry District, the director may, in addition to this subsection, construct and maintain roads and trails. In the event the director determines that any currently active fire tower should not be reopened for the subsequent fire season, he shall provide notice to

1 the Legislature of his intended action by January  
2 15th. This notice shall include the location of the  
3 fire towers affected and the justifications for the  
4 closure. Notice of closures shall be reviewed by the  
5 joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
6 jurisdiction over natural resources. Unless the  
7 Legislature determines otherwise, the director may  
8 close towers so indicated.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This new draft requires the Director of the Maine  
11 Forest Service to provide notice to the Legislature  
12 prior to closing any currently active fire control  
13 towers.

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