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7 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 884, L.D. 2392,
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Allow the Department of Transporta-
9 tion to Assume Responsibility for 100% of the Mainte-
10 nance and Operation Costs of the Carleton Bridge Be-
11 tween Bath and Woolwich and to Allocate and Appropria-
12 te the Funds Necessary to Assume this Additional
13 Responsibility."

14 Amend the bill by inserting before the emergency
15 clause the following:

16 'Sec. 3. Study to develop a state rail policy.

17 1. Joint Select Study Committee. A Joint Select
18 Study Committee to develop a state policy for rail-
19 road transportation is established and shall consist
20 of the following:

21 A. One member of the House of Representatives,
22 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

23 B. One member of the Senate, appointed by the
24 President of the Senate;

25 C. One member, appointed by the Governor, repre-
26 senting the paper industry;

27 D. One member, appointed by the Governor, repre-
28 senting agriculture;

29 E. One member, appointed by the Governor, repre-
30 senting the food processing industry;

31 F. One member, appointed by the Governor, who is
32 an elected municipal official;

33 G. One member, appointed by the Governor, to

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- 1 represent the chemical industry;
- 2 H. One member, appointed by the Governor, to
3 represent the energy industry;
- 4 I. One member, appointed by the Governor, to
5 represent railroad employees;
- 6 J. One member, appointed by the Governor, to
7 represent the railroad industry;
- 8 K. The Director of the State Planning Office or
9 his designee; and
- 10 L. The Commissioner of Transportation or his
11 designee.
- 12 The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the
13 committee.
- 14 2. Study issues. The Joint Select Study Commit-
15 tee to develop a state policy for railroad transpor-
16 tation in Maine shall study the following issues:
- 17 A. The policy established in this Act, with re-
18 spect to the Highway Fund allocation, to be ex-
19 pended for the maintenance and operation of the
20 Carleton Bridge;
- 21 B. Railroad line abandonments;
- 22 C. The transportation needs of current and pro-
23 spective rail transportation users;
- 24 D. The impact of railroad abandonments upon eco-
25 nomic development, existing shippers who rely on
26 the railroad proposed for abandonment and railway
27 labor; and
- 28 E. Any other issues deemed necessary by the
29 board to develop a state railroad transportation
30 policy.

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1 3. Compensation. The legislative and public
2 members shall be paid a per diem of \$35 and expenses
3 that are normally paid to state employees not to ex-
4 ceed payment for 4 meetings for actual attendance at
5 meetings of the Joint Select Study Committee. Com-
6 pensation and expenses shall be paid from the Highway
7 Fund.

8 4. Report to the Legislature. The Joint Select
9 Study Committee to develop a state policy for rail-
10 road transportation in Maine shall report its find-
11 ings and any necessary implementing legislation to
12 the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no la-
13 ter than January 3, 1985, at which time the Joint Se-
14 lect Study Committee established by this Act shall
15 cease to exist.

16 5. Staff assistance. The Joint Select Study
17 Committee to develop a state policy for railroad
18 transportation in Maine may request the Legislative
19 Council for staff assistance. The Department of
20 Transportation shall cooperate with the staff pro-
21 vided to the Joint Select Study Committee.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to establish a Joint Select Study Committee composed of public and private sector representatives to study and propose a railroad transportation policy for the State. This policy will be presented to the Legislature in the form of legislation to be considered by the Legislature. Presently, there is no comprehensive state policy for rail transportation in Maine.

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The Joint Select Study Committee, except for state employees, will receive a per diem of \$35 and expenses to be paid from the Highway Fund, not to exceed 4 meetings.

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