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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 100, L.D. 125,
Bill, "AN ACT to Establish a Maine Rivers Grants Pro-
gram."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of that part
designated "§5015." and inserting in its place the
following:

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'§5015. Maine Rivers Protection Fund

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There is established within the Department of
Conservation a Maine Rivers Protection Fund, which
shall be funded by donations, bequests, grants, gifts
and proceeds from the sale of Maine rivers protection
promotion items. The fund shall not lapse.

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Pursuant to the authority established in section
5012, the commissioner may administer a state grant-
in-aid program and may promulgate rules therefor un-
der Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II. The purpose
of the program is to assist local governments, river
conservation or management groups and landowners in
activities that may include the acquisition, estab-
lishment and maintenance of access sites, parking ar-
eas, picnic areas, campsites and sanitary facili-
ties; encouraging and securing shoreland gifts and
conservation easements; financial support for river
runners, litter control, signs and educational mate-
rials; the restoration and enhancement of anadromous
fisheries; improving the natural productivity of in-
land fisheries; and supervision of recreational use
and other similar or associated activities involving
the protection of and public access to the State's
rivers.

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All funds of the Maine Rivers Protection Fund
shall be subject to allocation by the Legislature.

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1 Rules adopted under this section shall become ef-
2 fective immediately, but shall be submitted to the
3 Legislature no later than the next regular session
4 for approval or modification. If the Legislature
5 fails to act, those rules shall continue in full
6 force and effect.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment has 3 purposes:

9 1. To specify the items and activities eligible
10 for funding from Maine Rivers Protection Fund;

11 2. To require legislative allocation of expendi-
12 tures from the fund; and

13 3. To provide for legislative review of any
14 rules adopted to administer the Maine Rivers Protec-
15 tion Fund.

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