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7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 59, L.D. 62, 8 Bill, "AN ACT to Assure Responsibility in Regulatory 9 Decision Making."

10 Amend the bill by striking out all of subsection 11 1-A and inserting in its place the following:

12 '1-A. Administration of department. He shall-be 13 is the chief administrative officer of the Department 14 of Environmental Protection and responsible for all 15 administrative matters of the department. It is the responsibility of the commissioner to assure that all determinations made by the staff of the department are promptly rendered. It is the responsibility of the commissioner to resolve disputes between depart-ment staff and applicants with respect to any ques-16 17 18 19 20 tions regarding requirements, interpretation or application of the laws, rules or department policy. 21 22 In resolving disputes, the commissioner shall attempt 23 to reach a fair and appropriate result given all of 24 25 the circumstances of the issue before him and may utilize the services of such consultants or experts 26 27 as he determines would be helpful to resolve any dis-28 puted issue.'

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1	STATEMENT OF FACT
2 3 4 5 6	The purpose of the amendment is to remove unnec- essary language related to cost-benefit analysis and mediation. The amendment also removes language which could create severe administrative problems for the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.
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