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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 174

H.P. 133 House of Representatives, February 3, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Casco.

Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Gray and Senator
BLACK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Establishing the Songo Locks Advisory
Council.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§10, ¶A, sub-¶(65-A)
is enacted to read:

(65-A)	<u>Natural</u>	<u>Songo</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>12 MRSA §5016</u>
	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Locks</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	
	<u>Recreation</u>	<u>Advisory</u>		
		<u>Council</u>		

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §5016 is enacted to read:

§5016. Songo Locks Advisory Council

1 There is established within the Department of
2 Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, the
3 Songo Locks Advisory Council.

4 1. Purpose. The purpose of this council is to
5 advise the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation
6 on the operation of the Songo Locks in Cumberland
7 County in order to reduce public controversy
8 concerning water levels associated with the operation
9 of the locks.

10 2. Duties. The council shall meet at least once
11 annually to review the schedule of locks operation
12 and water level management proposed by the bureau.
13 In making its recommendations to the director, the
14 council shall give consideration to the interests of
15 shoreland owners, recreational and commercial use of
16 the locks and protection of local fisheries. The
17 council may hold public hearings as necessary.

18 3. Membership. There shall be 5 members ap-
19 pointed by the Commissioner of Conservation. The
20 members shall be appointed for a 3-year term and un-
21 til their successors are appointed and quali-
22 fied, except that at the time of the first appoint-
23 ments, 2 shall be appointed for a one-year term, 2
24 for a 2-year term and one for a 3-year term. Two
25 members shall be owners of shoreland along the lower
26 Songo River without commercial interest in use of the
27 river, 2 members shall have commercial interest in
28 the use of the river and one member shall have exper-
29 tise in the protection and propagation of fisheries.

30 4. Compensation. The members shall serve with-
31 out compensation and at their own expense.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to provide a formal
3 mechanism for the public to make recommendations to
4 the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation
5 regarding the operation of the Songo Locks on the
6 Songo River.

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