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L.D. 985

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 733, L.D. 985,  
Bill, "AN ACT Creating the St. Croix International  
Waterway Commission."

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting  
clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§8, ¶A, sub-¶(9-A)  
is enacted to read:

(9-A)	<u>Environment</u>	<u>St. Croix</u>	<u>Legislative</u>	<u>38 MRSA</u>
	<u>/Natural</u>	<u>International</u>	<u>per diem</u>	<u>§991'</u>
	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Waterway</u>	<u>and</u>	
		<u>Commission</u>	<u>expenses</u>	

Further amend the bill in that part designated  
"§991." in the 3rd paragraph (page 2, line 15 in  
L.D.) by adding at the end the following:

'The Legislature recognizes that industrial use  
of the river system and adjacent forest land has been  
the mainstay of the region's economy for generations  
and that such continued use should be encouraged.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated  
"§991." by striking out all of the last paragraph and  
inserting in its place the following:

'In view of the need for coordination of joint  
planning, development and management of the waterway  
by the State, the Province of New Brunswick and the  
affected private interests and the recommendation of  
the St. Croix River Joint Advisory Commission that  
Maine participate in a permanent commission, which  
shall be known as the St. Croix International Water-  
way Commission, and the fact that the Governor of the  
State and the Premier of the Province of New

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1 Brunswick have signed a Memorandum of Understanding,  
2 which is the basis of this chapter and describes the  
3 composition, powers, authorities and boundaries of  
4 the commission, the participation of the State on the  
5 commission is hereby authorized and the necessary  
6 funds to support the State's participation shall be  
7 appropriated to the Department of Conservation to be  
8 dispersed to the commission.'

9 Further amend the bill in that part designated  
10 "§994." (page 5, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting before  
11 subsection 1 the following:

12 '1. Encourage wise use. Encourage continued  
13 wise use of the river system and adjacent lands for  
14 maximum economic benefit of the people of the re-  
15 gion;'

16 Further amend the bill in that part designated  
17 "§994." (page 5, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the  
18 following: "manage" and inserting in its place the  
19 following: 'coordinate the management of'

20 Further amend the bill in that part designated  
21 "§994." by renumbering the subsections to read con-  
22 secutively.

23 Further amend the bill in that part designated  
24 "§996." in subsection 6 (page 8, line 4 in L.D.) by  
25 striking out the following: "Ensure adherence" and  
26 inserting in its place the following: 'Encourage  
27 adherence and by striking out the following: "Ensure  
28 that" and inserting in its place the following:  
29 'Encourage that'

30 Further amend the bill in that part designated  
31 "§998." by striking out all of subsection 7 (page 11,  
32 lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the  
33 following:

34 '7. Compensation. The commissioners shall re-  
35 ceive no remuneration from the commission. They may

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1 be paid by the commission a housing and meals per di-  
2 em and be reimbursed for actual travel expenses in-  
3 curring in the conduct of the commission business.  
4 These amounts shall be determined as provided by Ti-  
5 tle 3, section 2.'

6 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking  
7 out all of that part designated "§999." and inserting  
8 in its place the following:

9 '§999. Timetable for completion of commission plan

10 The commission shall develop a management plan  
11 for the St. Croix International Waterway within 18  
12 months of the first meeting of the commission. The  
13 necessary management agreements to implement the plan  
14 shall be formulated and signed by the participating  
15 management agencies prior to commission approval of  
16 the plan and shall be considered part of the plan.'

17 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking  
18 out all of that part designated "§1001." and insert-  
19 ing in its place the following:

20 '§1001. Commission and working committee members,  
21 invitees and observers

22 Members of the commission and its various working  
23 committees may include, without limitation, represen-  
24 tatives of federal, state and local governmental en-  
25 tities, state and local conservation groups, local  
26 commerce and industry, private citizens and landown-  
27 ers in the waterway area, local fish and wildlife  
28 groups and representatives of any other groups with  
29 legitimate interests in the management of the water-  
30 way.

31 §1002. Legislative review

32 The joint standing committee of the Legislature  
33 having jurisdiction on audit and program review shall  
34 review the commission on or before January 1, 1996,

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1 and present its recommendations for amendment or re-  
2 peal of this chapter to the Legislature.'

3 Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking  
4 out lines 5 to 11 and inserting in their place the  
5 following:

6 'ST. CROIX IN-  
7 TERNATIONAL WA-  
8 TERWAY  
9 COMMISSION

10	Positions	(1)	(1)
11	Personal Services	\$21,728	\$28,970
12	All Other	4,260	5,680
13	Capital Expenditures	10,000	10,000
14			
15	Total	<u>\$35,988</u>	<u>\$44,650'</u>

16 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-  
17 tions to read consecutively.

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 The primary purpose of this amendment is to em-  
20 phasize that the parties to this commission recognize  
21 that the St. Croix River System and the adjacent  
22 lands have historically been the resource base for  
23 industrial development which continues to be the eco-  
24 nomic foundation of the region. Management of these  
25 resources can only occur through coordinated joint  
26 efforts of both the public and private sectors in-  
27 cluding private landowners.

