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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 559, L.D. 1671, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board."

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §42, is further amended to read:

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§1. Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, as established and in this Title called the "department," shall be maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the interests of husbandry, and shall consist of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in this Title called the "commissioner," and the following as created and established: The Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board, the Board of Pesticide Control, the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council Committee, the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, the Maine Milk Commission, the Maine Potato Commission, the Seed Potato Board, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the Harness Racing Commission, the Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Animal Welfare Board. The commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture and to confirmation by the Legislature, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor. He shall receive his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties. He may employ such clerical labor as may be required, subject to the Civil Service Law, and he may expend such sums for postage,

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1 telephone, telegraph and other general office ex-
2 penses as may be necessary in the performance of his
3 duties, the same to be paid out of any money appro-
4 priated by the Legislature for such purpose.'

5 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part
6 designated "§332." by striking out all of subsections
7 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

8 '1. Membership. The Aroostook Water and Soil
9 Management Board, as established by Title 5, section
10 12004, subsection 8, shall consist of the following:
11 The Chairman of the Maine Potato Board; one person
12 designated by the Maine Potato Board who shall be a
13 farmer with irrigation experience; a representative
14 of each of the 3 Aroostook County Soil and Water Con-
15 servation Districts chosen by the boards of supervi-
16 sors of the 3 districts, each representative chosen
17 being a farmer; the Director of the Maine Agricultur-
18 al Experiment Station; the Director of the University
19 of Maine Cooperative Extension Service; the State
20 Conservationist of the United States Department of
21 Agriculture Soil Conservation Service; the Director
22 of the Maine Geological Survey; the Director of the
23 Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission; and the
24 Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Re-
25 sources.

26 2. Terms. The member appointed by the Maine Po-
27 tato Board and the members appointed to represent the
28 Aroostook County Soil and Water Conservation Dis-
29 tricts shall each serve a 4-year term.'

30 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part
31 designated "§332." by inserting after subsection 6
32 the following:

33 '7. Report. The board shall report at least an-
34 nually to the joint standing committee of the Legis-
35 lature having jurisdiction over agriculture. The re-
36 port shall include an accounting of its meetings and
37 actions, including agreements entered into, status of

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1 demonstration projects, research findings, informa-
2 tional activities and an evaluation of the program,
3 with recommendations regarding changes or improve-
4 ments in the program.'

5 Further amend the bill by striking out all of
6 section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

7 'Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are
8 allocated from the federal funds made available for
9 this project.

10 1987-88 1988-89

11 AGRICULTURE, FOOD
12 AND RURAL RESOURCES,
13 DEPARTMENT OF

14 Aroostook Water and Soil
15 Management Fund

16 Unallocated \$1,825,000 \$820,000'

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

19 Further amend the bill by inserting before the
20 statement of fact the following:

21 'FISCAL NOTE

22 There is allocated to the Department of Agricul-
23 ture, Food and Rural Resources \$1,825,000 in fiscal
24 year 1987-88, and \$820,000 in fiscal year 1988-89
25 from the \$3,430,000 available from the Federal Gov-
26 ernment for this project.'

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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment requires that persons appointed to
3 the Maine Potato Board and the Aroostook County Soil
4 and Water Conservation Districts be persons engaged
5 in farming. It increases the number of persons on
6 the board by 2 so that each Soil and Water District
7 has a representative farmer. The amendment requires
8 the board to report to the Legislature at least annu-
9 ally on its activities and recommendations. The ap-
10 propriation is deleted because it is in the Part 2
11 Budget. An allocation is added for the federal funds
12 expected for the project. The board is created with-
13 in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Re-
14 sources and the commissioner shall implement the al-
15 location of these funds to the board.

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