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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2000, L.D. 2702,  
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to the  
9 Protection of Natural Resources."

10 Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 8 in the  
11 last line (page 2, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting at  
12 the end the underlined word 'and'

13 Further amend the bill by striking out all of  
14 sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the  
15 following:

16 'Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§9 is enacted to  
17 read:

18 9. Public works. A permit is not required for  
19 emergency repair or normal maintenance and repair of  
20 existing public works which affect any protected  
21 natural resource. An activity which is exempt under  
22 this subsection shall employ erosion control measures  
23 to prevent sedimentation of any surface water, shall  
24 not block fish passage in any water course and shall  
25 not result in any additional intrusion of the public  
26 works into the protected natural resource. This  
27 exemption does not apply to any activity on an  
28 outstanding river segment as listed in section 480-P.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2       This amendment allows existing public works  
3 projects, including road culverts and drainage  
4 ditches, to be repaired or maintained without  
5 obtaining a permit under the natural resource  
6 protection laws. Similar exemptions were in effect  
7 for the stream alteration law and the wetlands laws  
8 before the consolidation under Public Law 1987,  
9 chapter 809.

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