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House of Representatives, February 27, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville and Senator ERWIN of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Study the Use of Pesticides in the State's Forests.



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

3 12 MRSA §5103, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

5 4. Pesticide use in the State's forests. An assessment of
7 the issues surrounding the use of pesticides and herbicides in
9 the State's forests. The first assessment shall be completed by
December 1, 1990, with subsequent reports prepared on a 5-year
cycle. The assessment shall contain a discussion of:

11 A. The types and amounts of pesticides used in the State's
13 forests;

15 B. The economics of pesticide use as well as financial
incentives and disincentives for their use;

17 C. The environmental effects of pesticide use on the
19 State's forests, specifically their use in sensitive areas;
and

21 D. The effects of widespread pesticide use on the
23 composition and diversity of the State's forests.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 This bill requires the Department of Conservation to review
29 the issues relating to pesticide use in the State's forests on an
ongoing basis. The department is required to review the use of
pesticides and the issues surrounding their use by December 1990.