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STATE OF MAINE
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114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 496, L.D. 1370, "Resolve,
to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Piscataqua River Basin
Compact between Maine and New Hampshire"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the
emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and inserting
in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Study commission created and charged. Resolved: That
there is established the Commission to Study the Feasibility of
Establishing a Piscataqua River Basin Compact between Maine and
New Hampshire. The commission shall cooperate with the
legislative study committee established by the New Hampshire
legislature and shall study the conditions existing within the
Piscataqua River Basin and the feasibility of establishing an
interstate compact to create a Piscataqua River Basin Authority
to be jointly established by the states of Maine and New
Hampshire and given either regulatory or advisory responsibility
for activities within the basin that have an interstate impact,
such as recreational boating, pollution control, fishing,
shellfish harvesting, waterfront development, dredging,
navigation and the preservation of wetlands and public access;
and be it further

Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved: That the study commission
consists of 8 members:

1. One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by
the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
3. The Commissioner of Marine Resources or the
commissioner's designee;

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2 4. The Director of the State Planning Office or the
3 director's designee; and

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5 5. Four persons chosen from the following list, one
6 appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives and 2 appointed by the
8 Governor:

10 A. A municipal official;

12 B. A representative of the commercial fishing industry;

14 C. A representative of recreational boaters;

16 D. A representative of an environmental organization;

18 E. A representative of a municipal port authority or a
19 designee who may be a harbor master; or

20 F. A representative of a conservation commission.

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23 The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives and the Governor shall coordinate their
25 appointments and promptly notify the Legislative Council of the
26 appointments; and be it further

28 **Sec. 3. Convening of commission. Resolved:** That, when the
29 appointment of all commission members is completed, the Chair of
30 the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting not later
31 than May 1, 1990. At the first meeting the members shall elect a
32 chair and other officers; and be it further

34 **Sec. 4. Interstate cooperation. Resolved:** That the commission is
35 directed to cooperate fully with officials, legislators and
36 citizens of New Hampshire in the conduct of the study and
37 development of the findings of the commission; and be it further

38 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall meet with
39 members of the commission established by the New Hampshire
40 legislature to:

42 1. Review the condition of the Piscataqua River;

44 2. Develop recommendations for actions to improve
45 management of the river;

48 3. Hold a public hearing within the State to hear the
49 concerns and recommendations on the future of the river; and

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2 4. Recommend any legislation necessary to carry out the
commission's findings.

4 All meetings of the commission must be in the vicinity of
the Piscataqua River; and be it further

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8 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall complete
its study and present its findings, together with any recommended
10 legislation to the 115th Legislature by November 1, 1990; and be
it further

12 **Sec. 7. Assistance. Resolved:** That the rivers coordinator of
the Department of Conservation shall provide any necessary staff
14 assistance for the commission; and be it further

16 **Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That all members who are not
state employees are entitled to reimbursement for expenses upon
18 application to the Director of Administrative Services of the
Department of Conservation; and be it further

20 **Sec. 9. Grants. Resolved:** That the commission is authorized
22 to accept grants and donations to further the purposes of this
resolve; and be it further

24 **Sec. 10. Reciprocal legislation. Resolved:** That this resolve
26 becomes effective only if similar legislation is enacted in New
Hampshire; and be it further

28 **Sec. 11. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
30 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

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36 **CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

38 **Commission to Study the Feasibility**
39 **of Establishing a Piscataqua River**
40 **Basin Compact between Maine and New**
Hampshire

42 All Other \$300 \$1,850

44 Provides funds for the travel
45 and related expenses of the
46 commission. These funds may
47 not lapse, but must be
48 carried forward to June 30,
1991.

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FISCAL NOTE

4 This resolve requires a General Fund appropriation of \$300
6 in fiscal year 1989-90 and \$1,850 in fiscal year 1990-91 to fund
8 the expenses of the proposed commission. It is anticipated that
10 additional funds may be received from Maine and New Hampshire sea
12 grant institutions that may be used to defray the commission's
14 expenses. The Department of Conservation can absorb the cost of
16 providing staff assistance to the commission within its existing
18 resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This amendment changes the original resolve by structuring
18 the commission similarly to a legislative committee recently
20 established by the New Hampshire legislature. The membership is
22 reduced from 11 members to 8 members and commencement and
reporting dates are changed to conform to the schedule adopted in
New Hampshire. Staffing responsibility is shifted to the rivers
coordinator of the Department of Conservation.

Reported by Senator Ludwig for the Committee on Energy and
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