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L.D. 1838

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 700, L.D. 1838, "Resolve,
to Study the Use of Herbicides"

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

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission
to Study the Use of Herbicides is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission shall be
comprised of the following 13 members: two Senators appointed by
the President of the Senate; 3 members of the House of
Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives; 2 members representing the forest products
industry, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one by
the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 members
representing the general public, one appointed by the President
of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives; and 2 members representing environmental
interests, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the
Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;
and a representative of an electric utility jointly appointed by
the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all
appointments be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council shall be notified by all appointing
authorities when the selections have been made. The Chair of the
Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the
commission by July 1, 1990. The commission shall select a
Legislator from its membership as chair; and be it further

2 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall meet 5
 4 times to study the current use of herbicides in Maine and the
 6 policy implications of that use. The commission shall review the
 8 information on the effects of herbicide use on forests, natural
 10 habitats, water quality and other environmental impacts and the
 implications of the methods of applying those herbicides. In
 addition, the commission shall hold 2 public hearings throughout
 the State to hear public comments on the use of herbicides in
 Maine's forests; and be it further

12 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
 14 its report, together with any recommended legislation, to the
 16 First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by December 1,
 1990; and be it further

18 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall
 20 request from the Legislative Council sufficient staff assistance
 22 to carry out these duties. The commission may also call upon the
 assistance of the Department of Conservation and the Pesticides
 Control Board; and be it further

24 **Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
 26 commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the
 28 legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
 30 Title 3, section 2, for days of attendance at commission
 meetings. All members of the commission who are not state
 employees are entitled to receive expenses, as defined in Title
 5, section 12002, upon application to the Executive Director of
 the Legislative Council for those expenses; and be it further

32 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
 34 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
 this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council
 shall administer the fund.

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Commission to Study the Use of Herbicides		
Personal Services	\$275	\$1,375
All Other	600	5,150
Provides funds for the per diem, meetings and related		

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2 expenses of the Commission to
Study the Use of Herbicides.
4 These funds may not lapse but
must be carried forward.

6 **LEGISLATURE**
8 **TOTAL**

\$875

\$6,525'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This amendment changes the original bill to add 2 additional
14 members to the commission, specify that 2 public hearings will be
held, allow the commission to draw on the staff of the Department
16 of Conservation and the Pesticides Control Board, amend the
appropriation to reflect the expanded membership and, to more
18 clearly define the role of the commission.

Reported by Senator Erwin for the Committee on Energy and
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