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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 167, L.D. 428, Bill, "An Act to Require That Additions to the Endangered Species List Be Approved by the Legislature"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§7753." in subsection 2 in paragraph B in the last line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting in its place the following: 'and' and in paragraph C in the last line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§7753." in subsection 2 by inserting at the end the following:

'D. Recommend to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters any changes in the list of endangered or threatened species.'

Further amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 19 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of subsection 5.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment removes the unconstitutional limitation on the Legislature's power to enact, amend or repeal the statutory list of endangered and threatened species. The limitation had required the approval or recommendation of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in order for the Legislature to enact, amend or repeal the statutory list.

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The amendment provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will recommend any changes to the list of endangered and threatened species to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters.

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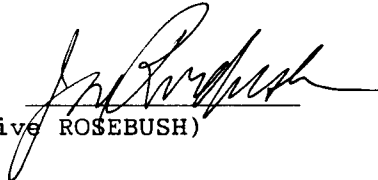
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These recommendations will help provide criteria on which the Legislature bases its decisions regarding the classification of endangered and threatened species.

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