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NATURAL RESOURCES

Reported by: Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot for the Committee
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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 409, L.D. 1097, "Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Environmental Regulation"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Environmental Regulation Relating to the Paper Industry'

Amend the resolve in that part designated "Sec. 5." by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Environmental regulations. In terms of environmental regulations, the task force shall:

A. Determine which state statutory standards and regulatory standards, interpretations or other requirements that relate to the paper industry exceed or are inconsistent with federal requirements; and

B. For those requirements that exceed the federal requirements, obtain data to compare them, as a minimum, to the 5 leading paper industry states.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Economic and Community Development will incur some minor additional costs to provide staffing and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 clerical support to the Task Force to Study Environmental
Regulation Relating to the Paper Industry. These costs can be
absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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6 The Department of Environmental Protection and the
Department of Economic and Community Development will incur some
minor additional costs to participate as members of the task
8 force. These costs can be absorbed within the departments'
existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment broadens the scope of the study from
environmental standards to environmental requirements, whether
16 the requirements are standards, interpretations or other
requirements. It also requires the study to include examination
18 of state requirements that are inconsistent with federal
requirements. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note to the
20 resolve and changes the title of the resolve to clarify that it
applies to environmental regulation of the paper industry.