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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 472, L.D. 643, Bill, "An Act to Permit Forest Fire Wardens and Forest Rangers to Carry Weapons"

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

'An Act to Permit Forest Rangers to Carry Weapons'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 1, lines 5 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'4. Weapons. The Commissioner of Conservation shall develop a policy that allows a forest ranger to carry a weapon while on duty.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 2. Report on weapons policy. The Commissioner of Conservation shall submit the written policy required by section 1 of this Act to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 1, 1998.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Conservation will incur some minor additional costs to submit a certain written policy to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It requires the Commissioner of Conservation to develop a policy that allows a forest ranger to carry a weapon and to submit the policy to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.