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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 850, L.D. 1155, Bill, "An Act to Create a Permanent Funding Source for the Saco River Corridor Commission"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§969." in subsection 3 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 1, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "surface or groundwater source located within the Saco River drainage basin" and inserting in its place the following: 'groundwater source under the influence of the Saco River, as determined by the Department of Human Services.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Review. It is the intent of the Legislature that assessments on the sale of water not be the sole source of revenue for the Saco River Corridor Fund. The Saco River Corridor Commission shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters by January 15, 2001 on the sources of revenue used to support the activity and operations of the Saco River Corridor Commission. The committee shall review the commission's funding by February 1, 2001 to determine whether sufficient sources of additional revenue have been obtained to support the activities of the commission.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Saco River Corridor Commission

All Other	\$26,145	\$31,500
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Allocates additional funds for the operating expenses of the commission.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

Other Funds	\$26,145	\$31,500
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REVENUES

Other Funds	\$26,145	\$31,500
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The authorization of certain water assessment fees will increase dedicated revenue to the Saco River Corridor Commission by \$26,145 and \$31,500 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively. This bill includes allocations of this additional revenue to authorize expenditures for the operating expenses of the commission, including the minor additional costs associated with a new annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, reduces the number of water utilities that will be assessed a fee on the sale of water and fire protection services to fund the activities of the Saco River Corridor Commission by limiting the assessment to those utilities that either draw water directly from the Saco River or from a groundwater source under the influence of the Saco River. The

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2 amendment also changes the review requirement in
the bill by requiring the commission to report to the joint
4 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
natural resource matters by January 15, 2001 on the sources of
6 revenue used to support the activity and operations of the Saco
River Corridor Commission. It requires the committee to review
8 the commission's funding by February 1, 2001 to determine whether
sufficient sources of additional revenue have been obtained to
support the activities of the commission.

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