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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 396, L.D. 1293, "Resolve, to Evaluate Permit by Rule and Compliance with the Natural Resources Protection Laws"

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Amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "State Planning Office" and inserting in its place the following: 'Land and Water Resources Council'

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "State Planning Office" and inserting in its place the following: 'Land and Water Resources Council, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection,'

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 6th line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "State Planning Office" and inserting in its place the following: 'Land and Water Resources Council'

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "be it further"

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Further amend the resolve in section 1 by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

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2 '5. Whether the standards are adequate to ensure no
3 significant impact upon the environment when projects are in
4 compliance with the standards; and be it further'

6 Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line
7 (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "State
8 Planning Office" and inserting in its place the following: 'Land
9 and Water Resources Council'

10 Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the last 2 lines
11 (page 1, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
12 "during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature" and
13 inserting in its place the following: 'by February 1, 1998'

14 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
15 summary the following:
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20 **FISCAL NOTE**

21 The additional costs associated with the evaluation and
22 report can be absorbed by the member agencies of the Land and
23 Water Resources Council utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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28 **SUMMARY**

29 This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint
30 Standing Committee on Natural Resources, requires the Land and
31 Water Resources Council, in consultation with the Department of
32 Environmental Protection, to evaluate the Board of Environmental
33 Protection's permit-by-rule program, instead of the State
34 Planning Office. The amendment also requires the Land and Water
35 Resources Council to consider, in addition to the 4 issues
36 specified in the resolve, whether the permit-by-rule standards
37 are adequate to ensure no significant impact upon the environment
38 when projects are in compliance with the standards. Finally, the
39 amendment specifies that the Land and Water Resources Council
40 shall report its findings by February 1, 1998.

41 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT