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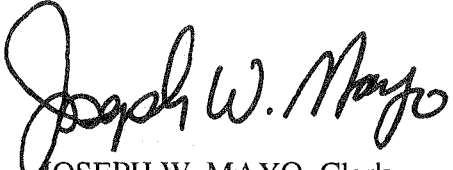
No. 1608

H.P. 1143

House of Representatives, March 20, 1997

**An Act to Create the Mousam Way River Environmental Advisory
Committee.**

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York and
Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, McALEVEY of Waterboro, NASS of Acton, PAUL of
Sanford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. Purpose and scope. The Legislature finds and declares that the Mousam River is a natural river of great scenic beauty and unique character, possessing outstanding recreational, historical, educational, scientific, cultural, wilderness and environmental values of great present and future benefit; and due to its location and the trends that are threatening this river that it is in the best interests of the people of the State to provide for the orderly protection and proper development of this river by encouraging the most appropriate use of land and water resources; prevention of overcrowding or development that may tend to pollute this river and surrounding areas; the preservation of natural conditions where appropriate or beneficial; and the preservation and creation of ecological balance along the river by proper planning for agriculture, industry, commerce, forestry, fish, wildlife, wilderness, recreation, residences and other purposes.

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Sec. 2. Committee created. To carry out the purposes of this Act, there is created the Mousam Way River Environmental Advisory Committee, referred to in this Act as the "committee." The committee consists of 2 members from each municipality bordering on the Mousam River to be appointed by the municipal officers, 10 people from local conservation groups residing in municipalities bordering on the Mousam River, one person to be chosen by each conservation group, and one member jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The committee may accept contributions of any type from any source to assist it in carrying out its assigned tasks.

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Sec. 3. Powers and duties of the committee. The committee is responsible for coordinating the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the immediate and long-range protection and development of the resources of the Mousam River to be submitted to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters of the 119th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

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This bill creates the Mousam Way River Environmental Advisory Committee.