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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1146, L.D. 1611, Bill, "An Act to Amend Snowmobile Registration Fees and Promote Snowmobile Club Participation"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 3 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. I, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Fee. The annual snowmobile registration fee is \$30 for both residents and nonresidents.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 (page 1, lines 42 to 50 and page 2, lines 1 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. I, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The registration fee ~~for~~ residents is credited as follows:

(1) ~~Twenty-two~~ Twenty percent is credited to the General Fund as undedicated revenue;

(2) ~~Fifty-two~~ Thirty-eight percent is credited to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands; and

(3) ~~Twenty-six~~ Twenty-five percent is annually distributed to the municipality of the owner's residence as shown on the owner's registration

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2 certificate, except that in unorganized territory, 26%
3 25% is annually distributed to the county of the
4 owner's residence as shown on the owner's registration
5 certificate and credited to the unorganized territory
6 fund of that county established in Title 30-A, section
7 7502.; and

8 (4) The remainder is distributed to an incorporated
9 statewide snowmobile association.'

10 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the
11 following:

12 'Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
13 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
18 INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,		
19 DEPARTMENT OF		
21 Savings Fund Program		
23 All Other	\$21,441	\$20,167
25 Appropriates funds to be used		
26 only to avoid future license		
27 fee increases.		

28 **Sec. 7. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
29 Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
31 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
32 Off-road Recreational Vehicles Program		
34 All Other	(\$205,148)	(\$213,025)
36 Deallocates funds to reflect		
37 a decrease in budgeted		
38 revenues that will accrue to		
39 the Snowmobile Trail Fund.		

41 CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
42 TOTAL	<u>(\$205,148)</u>	<u>(\$213,025)</u>

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Snowmobile Grants to Municipalities

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All Other	\$567,539	\$569,961
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Allocates funds to be distributed from snowmobile registration fees to municipalities.

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Snowmobile Grants to an Incorporated Statewide Snowmobile Association

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All Other	\$360,821	\$366,232
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Allocates funds to be distributed to an incorporated statewide snowmobile association.

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TOTAL	\$928,360	\$936,193
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TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$723,212	\$723,168
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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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	1997-98	1998-99
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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund	\$21,441	\$20,167
Other Funds	723,212	723,168

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REVENUES

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General Fund	\$21,441	\$20,167
Other Funds	723,212	723,168

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This bill will increase General Fund revenue collected by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by \$21,441 and \$20,167 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively. Additional General Fund appropriations equal to these increases

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2 of General Fund revenue are included to the Savings Fund Program
3 within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to meet
4 the constitutional requirement that appropriations to the
5 department are at least equal to the undedicated revenues
6 collected by the department.

7 This bill will also reduce dedicated revenue to the
8 Snowmobile Trail Fund within the Department of Conservation by
9 \$205,148 and \$213,025 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99,
10 respectively. Allocations from the Snowmobile Trail Fund are
11 adjusted in these fiscal years to reflect these reductions in
12 dedicated revenue.

13 The additional dedicated revenue generated for distribution
14 to an incorporated statewide snowmobile association will total
15 \$360,821 and \$366,232 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99,
16 respectively. Allocations for the total estimated amounts are
17 included to authorize the distribution of these funds.

18 The bill also increases amounts distributed to
19 municipalities by \$162,210 and \$164,632 in fiscal years 1997-98
20 and 1998-99, respectively. To properly account for this
21 increased distribution, allocations totaling \$567,539 and
22 \$569,961 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, are
23 included to authorize these distributions of this dedicated
24 revenue. These amounts include not only the increase in the
25 amounts to be distributed but also the previously authorized
26 distributions.'

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee
32 on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

33 The bill proposed to establish a \$35 annual snowmobile
34 registration fee for residents and nonresidents. This amendment
35 proposes to reduce that amount to \$30 per year.

36 The amendment also strikes the provision in the bill that
37 proposed to provide a discount on snowmobile registration fees to
38 members of snowmobile clubs and the provisions that proposed to
39 extend registration reciprocity to New Brunswick, Quebec and New
40 Hampshire.

41 The amendment also makes technical corrections to the bill
42 to avoid conflicts with legislation enacted earlier in this
43 session.

44 The amendment also adds an appropriation and an allocation
45 section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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