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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1583, "Joint Study Order to Establish a Commission on Sawmill Biomass"

Amend the joint order by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 and inserting in their place the following:

3. Appointments; chairs; quorum; convening of committee. All appointments must be made by July 1, 1999. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. The first named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair. The first meeting must be called by the chairs no later than July 15, 1999 and the committee may meet up to 4 times before issuing its report. A quorum exists when at least 8 members are present at a meeting.

4. Compensation. Members of the committee who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities whom they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the committee.'


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Further amend the joint order by striking out all of subsection 7 and inserting in its place the following:

'7. **Report.** The committee shall submit a report and any recommended legislation to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Governor no later than December 15, 1999. If the committee requires an extension of the reporting deadline, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the request.'

SUMMARY

This amendment makes technical changes in the order to be consistent with the drafting guidelines by changing the method of selecting the chairs and the compensation for members who are not Legislators.

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