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L.D. 1256

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 899, L.D. 1256, "Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Operation of and Support for the Board of Environmental Protection"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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'Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

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'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, there is an immediate need to review the structure and operation of the Board of Environmental Protection to determine whether the board's decision-making process is fair and responsible; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it ' '

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Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

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SENATE AMENDMENT

R.O.S.

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L.D. 1256

2 Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all
of the last indented paragraph (page 1, lines 36 and 37 in
4 amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

6 'The first named Senate member is the Senate chair of the
task force and the first named House member is the House chair.'

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10 Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking all of the
3rd indented paragraph from the end (page 2, lines 37 to 40 in
12 amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

14 'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5
and inserting in its place the following:

16 '**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That by December 1, 1999 the task
force shall submit a report with its findings to the Joint
18 Standing Committee on Natural Resources. The Joint Standing
Committee on Natural Resources shall report out a bill to the
20 Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature concerning
findings of the task force. If the task force requires a limited
22 extension of time to conclude its study and make its report, it
may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the
24 extension; and be it further' '

26 Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 6 the
following:

28 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
30 preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

32 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
34 consecutively.

36 **FISCAL NOTE**

38 This amendment allows the task force to apply for an
extension of the reporting deadline. If an extension of the
40 reporting deadline is granted and the task force requires
staffing assistance during the legislative session, the
42 Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation
to contract for staff services.

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SUMMARY

4 This amendment provides that the first named Senate member
and the first named House member serve as cochairs of the task
6 force. It also changes the reporting date to December 1, 1999
and authorizes the Legislative Council to extend the reporting
8 deadline of the task force if requested by the task force.

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