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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " to S.P. 430, L.D. 1267, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board and to Provide Funding for a Low-flow Study"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §332, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 502, Pt. E, §32, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board, as established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 4, ~~shall-consist~~ consists of the following: The Chair of the Maine Potato Board; one person designated by the Maine Potato Board who ~~shall~~ must be a farmer with irrigation experience; a representative of each of the 3 Aroostook County Soil and Water Conservation Districts chosen by the boards of supervisors of the 3 districts, each representative chosen being a farmer; the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station; the Director of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service; the State Conservationist of the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service; the Director of the Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center; the Director of the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission; and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Commissioner of Environmental Protection; a representative of a private nonprofit conservation organization; and a representative of a private nonprofit sporting association appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The commissioner shall make appointments from names provided by conservation and sporting organizations with membership in Aroostook County.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Office of Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources		
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
Appropriates funds to pay the United States Geological Survey to conduct a low-flow study in Aroostook County.'		

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

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

	1999-00	2000-01
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$25,000 to the Office of Agricultural, Natural and Rural Resources program within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for funding a low-flow study to be conducted by the United States Geological Survey.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will incur some minor additional costs to reimburse additional members of the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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2 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the
3 Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor
4 additional costs to participate as members of the Aroostook Water
5 and Soil Management Board. These costs can be absorbed by these
6 departments utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

8 SUMMARY

10 This amendment is the minority report. This amendment adds
11 4 members to the Aroostook Water and Soil Management Board: the
12 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the
13 Commissioner of Environmental Protection; a member representing a
14 conservation organization with membership in Aroostook County;
15 and a representative of a sporting association with membership in
16 Aroostook County. The amendment also strikes and replaces the
appropriation section and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT