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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 529, L.D. 1562, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Environmental Leadership Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Establishment of an Environmental Leadership Program'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study the Establishment of an Environmental Leadership Program, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 8 members appointed as follows:

1. Three members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one each from the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation; and

2. Five members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including 3 from the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and one each from the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first Senate member named
is the Senate chair and the first House member named is the House
4 chair; and be it further

6 **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all initial
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
8 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon
10 making their appointments. The chairs of the commission shall
call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later
12 than 45 days following the effective date of this resolve. The
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives shall reappoint members or appoint new members
from the 120th Legislature to serve on the commission by February
16 15, 2001. The commission may hold up to 8 meetings; and be it
further

18 **Sec. 5. Responsibilities. Resolved:** That the responsibilities of
20 the commission include the following:

22 1. To develop criteria for defining a company or business as
an environmental leader;

24 2. To develop incentives to encourage companies and
26 businesses to become environmental leaders and to attract
environmental leaders to the State; and

28 3. To identify opportunities for and obstacles to creating
30 an environmental leadership program; and be it further

32 **Sec. 6. Working groups. Resolved:** That the commission shall
form advisory working groups from among affected agencies,
34 representatives of the business community, representatives of
environmental groups, organizations devoted to economic growth
36 and the public to help carry out its responsibilities; and be it
further

38 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That members of the
40 commission are entitled to receive the legislative per diem and
reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at
42 authorized meetings of the commission. Participants in the
advisory working groups serve without compensation; and be it
44 further

46 **Sec. 8. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That upon approval of the
Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
48 shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and
be it further

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2 **Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a
report and any implementing legislation by January 15, 2002 to
4 the joint standing committees of the Legislature represented on
the commission. If the commission requires a limited extension
6 of time to conclude its study and make its report, it may apply
to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension. The
8 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over natural resources matters may report out a bill regarding an
environmental leadership program to the Second Regular Session of
10 the 120th Legislature; and be it further

12 **Sec. 10. Commission budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the
commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall
14 administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its
first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and
16 proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The
commission may not incur expenses that would result in the
18 commission exceeding its approved budget; and be it further

20 **Sec. 11. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
22 this resolve.

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28 **Commission to Study the Establishment
30 of an Environmental Leadership Program**

32	Personal Services	\$3,520
	All Other	3,700

34 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
36 of legislative members of the Commission to
Study the Establishment of an Environmental
38 Leadership Program and to print the required
report.

40 **LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$7,220'

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

46 **FISCAL NOTE**

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