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House of Representatives, February 25, 2000

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources Relating to the Review of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning Under the State Government Evaluation Act.

Reported by Representative MARTIN for the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4. Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶L, as amended by PL 1999, c. 127, Pt. C, §13, is further amended to read:
6	L. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having
8	jurisdiction over natural resource matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:
10	(1) Department of Environmental Protection in 1997;
12	(2) Board of Environmental Protection in 1997;
14	(3) Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning in 1999 2005;
16	(4) Saco River Corridor Commission in 2005; and
18	(5) Board of Underground Oil Tank Installers in 2003.
20	Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1453-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1997, c.
22	700, §7, is further amended to read:
24	4. Meetings and reports. The commission shall meet at
26	least 4 times a year. The commission shall submit an annual report of activities to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the joint
28	standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters and the joint standing committee of the
30	Legislature having jurisdiction over utility and energy matters by February 15th of each year. In its report in 2002, the
32	commission shall include an assessment of its funding pursuant to Title 22, section 679-A and recommendations for altering the
34	funding formula in the event the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company plant in Wiscasset no longer generates low-level
36	radioactive waste.
38	Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1453-A, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1999, c. 366, §2, is further amended to read:
40	7. Repeal. This commission is subject to review and
42	terminates in accordance with Title 3, chapter 35,-met-including the-grace-period,-mo-later-than-June-30,-2000. The commission,
44	unless granted an extension by law, is dissolved and terminates on June 30, 2006.
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48	SUMMARY

This bill implements the recommendations made by the Joint

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- Standing Committee on Natural Resources as a result of the committee's review of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning under the State Government Evaluation Act. This bill:
- 1. Extends the termination date of the commission from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2006 and subjects the commission to its next State Government Evaluation Act review beginning in 2005; and
- Requires the commission to issue a report in 2002 with recommendations for altering the funding formula in the event the
 Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company plant in Wiscasset no longer generates low-level radioactive waste.