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No. 1199

S.P. 361

In Senate, February 28, 2001

An Act to Allow Farm Ponds on Low-value Wetlands.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KNEELAND of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou,
GOOLEY of Farmington, TOBIN of Dexter.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 460,
4 §5, is further amended to read:

6 **6. Agricultural activities.** Subject to other provisions of
8 this article that govern other protected natural resources,
10 altering a freshwater wetland for the purpose of normal farming
12 activities such as clearing of vegetation for agricultural
14 purposes ~~if the land topography is not altered~~, plowing, seeding,
16 cultivating, minor drainage and harvesting, construction or
18 maintenance of farm or livestock ponds or irrigation ditches,
20 maintenance of drainage ditches and construction or maintenance
 of farm roads;

SUMMARY

18 This bill amends the law to allow for the construction of
20 farm ponds used for irrigation in low-value wetlands.