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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1222, L.D. 1663, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,200,000 to Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Remove Discharges, to Remediate Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Develop Municipal Digital Data Layers and Maps"

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

'An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,750,000 to Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles and to Make Drinking Water System Improvements'

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

'Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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'Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$5,750,000 to raise funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Loans to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities matched by \$12,500,000 in federal funds	\$2,500,000
Cleanup of tire stockpiles to protect the public health and safety and the environment	\$250,000

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Grants and loans for public drinking water system improvements matched by \$15,760,000 in federal funds	\$3,000,000
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TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$5,750,000'

Further amend the bill in section 10 by striking out all of the question (page 3, lines 37 to 50 and page 4, lines 2 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

' "Do you favor a \$5,750,000 bond issue for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$2,500,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;

2. The sum of \$250,000 to protect the public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire stockpiles; and

3. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$15,760,000 in federal funds?" '

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

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost of sending this bond issue out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$8,000.

If approved by the voters, the total cost of this bond issue is estimated to be \$7,122,525 with principal payments of \$5,750,000 and interest payments of approximately \$1,372,525.'

SUMMARY

This is the minority report. It reduces the size of the bond issue from \$17,200,000 to \$5,750,000 by:

1. Eliminating \$1,200,000 for the remediation of solid waste landfills;

2. Eliminating \$1,500,000 for the removal and replacement of failing septic systems;

3. Eliminating \$5,500,000 in grants to construct water pollution facilities and subsidize lower sewer user fees;

4. Eliminating \$1,000,000 to remove overboard discharges;

5. Eliminating \$2,000,000 to prepare municipal digital data layers and maps; and

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2 6. Reducing from \$500,000 to \$250,000 the amount for the
cleanup of tire stockpiles.

4 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.