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NATURAL RESOURCES

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1252, L.D. 1700, Bill, "An Act to Provide for State Monitoring and Management of Conservation Easements"

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

'Resolve, to Encourage State Monitoring and Management of Conservation Easements'

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

'Sec. 1. Pooling of resources for monitoring and management of conservation easements. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Atlantic Salmon Commission are encouraged to pool existing resources for the purpose of monitoring and managing conservation easements held by each of those state agencies; and be it further

Sec. 2. Coordination by State Planning Office. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall to the extent practicable within existing resources coordinate the state monitoring and management of conservation easements by:

1. Coordinating the pooling of agency resources; and

2. Encouraging state agencies pursuant to section 1 to compile and maintain monitoring information on all conservation easements they hold and to report annually to the State Planning Office regarding that information.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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FISCAL NOTE

8 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the
10 Department of Conservation, the Department of Agriculture, Food
and Rural Resources and the Atlantic Salmon Commission will incur
some minor additional costs to pool resources for the purpose of
12 monitoring and managing conservation easements. These costs can
be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.

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16 The State Planning Office within the Executive Department
will incur some minor additional costs to coordinate the state
monitoring and management of conservation easements. These costs
18 can be absorbed within the office's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It changes
the title and encourages certain state agencies to pool existing
resources to monitor and manage conservation easements they
26 hold. It also directs the Executive Department, State Planning
Office to the extent practicable within existing resources to
28 coordinate the state monitoring and management of conservation
easements.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.