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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 69, L.D. 73, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit the Federal Government from Owning Property in the State Not Specifically Authorized in the United States Constitution"

Amend the bill in section 2 by inserting after that part designated "~~§2001.~~" the following:

'§2002. Approval of voters

If the Maine congressional delegation and the Governor seek a congressional feasibility study for the formation of a national park in the State, the feasibility study may be conducted only if 2/3 of the voters in each community included within the proposed park and 2/3 of all voters in each community abutting the proposed park vote to approve the study.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

SUMMARY

This is the minority report from the committee. This amendment deletes section 3 of the bill, which would have directed the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Conservation to recommend a procedure to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over property matters a procedure for transferring to the State all land that is owned by the United States and that is not authorized by the United States Constitution. The amendment requires that if the state congressional delegation and

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2 the Governor seek a congressional study for the formation of a
national park, the study must be approved by 2/3 of all the
4 voters in the communities included within and abutting the
proposed park before the study can go ahead.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT