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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 111, L.D. 133, "Resolve, To Support Long-term Forest Management and Sound Silviculture"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Development of recommendations and implementation plan.

Resolved: That the Commissioner of Conservation shall develop recommendations and an implementation plan for encouraging and supporting long-term forest management and improved silviculture. In developing the recommendations, the commissioner shall review, at a minimum, the following:

1. Repeal or reduction of capital gains taxes on the sale of timber on land held for a minimum period;
2. Reduction of capital gains or property taxes for landowners enrolled in forest certification programs or committing to a higher level of forest management or providing public recreational access;
3. Provision of loan guarantees for sustainable forestry investments to increase access to capital for landowners committed to sustainable forest management to purchase forest land; and
4. Concepts and mechanisms that could contribute to achieving the goal of supporting long-term forest management and improved silviculture.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 In conducting the review, the commissioner shall solicit
input from representatives of the forestry community, including
4 forest products businesses, professional loggers, state agencies,
municipalities, industrial and nonindustrial landowners, farmers,
6 environmental groups, financial institutions, Legislators and
members of the public; and be it further

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10 **Sec. 2. Report to Legislature. Resolved:** That the Commissioner
of Conservation shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than February 1,
12 2006 on progress made in conducting the review and developing
recommendations under section 1 of this resolve. If more time is
14 needed, the committee shall establish a date for a final report.

16 The final report must include detailed cost information and
proposed changes to existing laws, rules and policies necessary
18 to implement the recommendations; and be it further

20 **Sec. 3. Legislation authorized. Resolved:** That the Joint
Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may
22 submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd
Legislature to encourage and support long-term forest management
24 and improved silviculture.'

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SUMMARY

30 This amendment establishes an interim report date of
February 1, 2006. It includes farmers among the groups to be
32 represented when the Commissioner of Conservation is soliciting
input.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Resolve, To Support Long-term Forest Management and Sound Silviculture

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund