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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
95th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 259, L. D. 558, Bill "An Act  
Relating to Interstate Transportation of  
Clams."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, the digging, processing and merchandising of clams is one of the most important industries of the state and a benefit to the public generally; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to furnish employment and enhance the livelihood of the coastal and other people of Maine; and

Whereas, the shipping of clams outside the state of Maine in the shell is resulting in great loss of revenue to the people of the state; and

Whereas, legislation is immediately necessary to retain the revenue from shucking of clams within the state; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting in the 1st paragraph thereof, after the word "The", the word and punctuation '1st, '

Further amend said Bill by inserting, after the 1st paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

'No person, firm or corporation, as principal or by an agent or servant, shall ship or transport or attempt to ship or transport, in any manner beyond the limits of this state, any soft-shell clams in the shell; except that holders of licenses under the provisions of this section and sections 110-C, 113 and 114 may ship or transport, by common carrier licensed by the interstate commerce commission, such clams in hermetically sealed cans containing no more than 3 dozen of such clams or in individual lots of not more than 1/2 bushel of such clams to any 1 customer in any 1 day.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.'

Reported by the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Read and adopted in the Senate April 5, 1951.

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