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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 162, L.D. 201, Bill, “An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Hunt Any Animal or Bird at Any Time for Sustenance”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10954 is enacted to read:

§10954. Tribal member hunting rights

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an enrolled member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may hunt for, take and possess any wild animal or bird at any time on public land in Aroostook County for sustenance use only as long as that member uses best efforts to comply with all fish and wildlife laws and rules. This section does not apply to a species identified as endangered under state or federal law. For purposes of this section, "sustenance use" means all noncommercial consumption or noncommercial use by the enrolled member or the enrolled member's immediate family or within the enrolled member's household.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report, limits the application of the provisions of the bill to enrolled members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and limits the exercise of rights in the bill to public land in Aroostook County. The amendment also requires that the hunting activity be conducted with best efforts to comply with all fish and wildlife laws and rules. The provisions of the amendment do not apply to a species identified as endangered under state or federal law.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT