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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 44, L.D. 36, "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Timber Harvesting""
11	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before enacting clause the following:
12 13	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do no become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
14 15 16 17	Whereas, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau or Forestry relies on timber harvest notifications to track green wood movement in the State and on accurate information provided by landowners and wood processors to track wood use, which, in turn, informs forest policy discussions; and
18 19 20 21	Whereas, with the increase in large power line, wind farm and solar projects throughout the State, this legislation must take effect as soon as possible to assist the regulated community to better understand when it is necessary to file a timber harves notification with the Bureau of Forestry; and
22 23 24 25	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency withir 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,'
26 27 28 29	Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 in the last line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "10." the following: "Timber harvesting" does not include reclaiming trees, logs or bark from timber harvesting or other operations, including but not limited to retrieving submerged timbers from log drives or bark from bark piles."
30	Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:
31 32	'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'
33 34	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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1	SUMMARY
2	This amendment clarifies that, for purposes of the laws governing forest practices
3	timber harvesting does not include reclaiming trees, logs or bark left over from timber
4	harvesting or other operations, including but not limited to retrieving submerged timbers
5	from log drives or bark from bark piles. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble
5	and emergency clause to the bill.

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