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House of Representatives, February 1, 2011

An Act To Prevent the Spread of Milfoil in the Songo River

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton. Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson, Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** the Songo River in the Town of Naples has a known infestation of an 4 aquatic invasive plant species that is spreading and threatening the aquatic environment 5 and the economy of the Town of Naples and the State as a whole; and
- 6 **Whereas,** this Act must take effect before the spring thaw so timely actions can be 7 taken to prevent the spread of the aquatic invasive plant species in the Songo River; and
- 8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore,
- 12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 13 Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1873 is enacted to read:

14 §1873. Songo River locks

15The commissioner and the Commissioner of Conservation shall close the lock on the16Songo River in the Town of Naples to prevent the upstream spread of aquatic invasive17plant species.

- 18 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 19 legislation takes effect when approved.
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SUMMARY

This bill directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the
 Commissioner of Conservation to close the lock on the Songo River in the Town of
 Naples to prevent the upstream spread of aquatic invasive plant species.