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THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD A DISCUSSION MONDAY MORNING SURROUNDING THE "PFAS IN PRODUCTS" LAW.

[VO]

IN 2021, THE STATE PASSED THE PFAS IN PRODUCTS LAW, REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS TO REPORT PFAS CHEMICALS USED IN THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE STATE BY JANUARY 1ST, 2023.

THAT DEADLINE HAS SINCE BEEN PUSHED TO JANUARY 1ST, 2025.

THE LAW ALSO BANS THE SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING INTENTIONALLY ADDED PFAS IN MAINE -- UNLESS IT'S BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN "UNAVOIDABLE USE" BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

SENATOR STACY BRENNER SAYS THIS DISCUSSION ALLOWED THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THEIR OWN CONCERNS.

[SOT]

[TIME CUE:// 0:16]

[SUPER: SEN. STACY BRENNER // (D) -
SCARBOROUGH]

["WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY HELPED BOLSTER IN MANY WAYS THE WORK WE'VE DONE AND IT MIGHT ALSO BRING THE COMMITTEE INTO A PLACE OF INTEREST TO THINK ABOUT FURTHER AMENDMENTS SHOULD THEY BE NECESSARY."]

[VO]

SENATOR BRENNER SAYS THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS AND MONITOR WHAT OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE DOING IN TACKLING THIS ONGOING ISSUE.

[EMMA]

UMAINE STUDENTS CAME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO FOOD INSECURITY DURING THE 'HUNGER DIALOGUE AND CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT' TODAY.

[VO]

[SUPER: STUDENTS DISCUSS SOLUTIONS TO HUNGER / ORONO /]

THE MAINE HUNGER DIALOGUE STARTED BACK IN 2014 TO SPARK CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COLLEGE HUNGER.

STARTING LAST YEAR, THE CLIMATE ACTION ASPECT WAS ADDED TO THE EVENT TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FOOD WASTE AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

HORTICULTURE PROFESSIONAL LYNNE HOLLAND SAYS FOOD INSECURITY AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS ISN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS, BUT IT'S A SERIOUS ISSUE.

[SOT]

[TIME CUE:// 0:22]

[SUPER: LYNNE HOLLAND / HORTICULTURAL PROFESSIONAL /]

["WE ALL THINK BACK WHEN WE WERE IN COLLEGE, MAYBE WE HAD A MEAL PLAN AND TOWARDS THE END OF THE SEMESTER WE HAD TO EAT RAMEN. BUT IT'S MUCH BIGGER THAN THAT. IT'S ABOUT THAT NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT WHO WORKS AND COMES TO SCHOOL IN THE EVENING AND IT'S ALL THEY CAN DO TO FILL THE GAS TANK TO GET TO THE JOB AND BUY GAS, AND NOW THERE'S NO ROOM TO BUY GROCERIES."]

[VO]

THE SUMMIT WRAPPED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENT TEAMS TO APPLY FOR \$500 MINI-GRANTS -- WHICH ARE USED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON CAMPUS OR IN THE COMMUNITY.

[EMMA]

SEVERAL MAINE FARMERS IMPACTED BY THE FOREVER CHEMICALS KNOWN AS PFAS GATHERED AT A CONFERENCE IN MICHIGAN MONDAY, SHARING HOW MAINE HAS BEEN A LEADER IN ADDRESSING THIS CONTAMINATION CRISIS. OUR GRACE BLANCHARD HAS THE DETAILS.

[SUPER:// MAINE FARMERS ADDRESS PFAS
IMPACTS / FILE]

[PKG]

[TIME CUE:// 01:55]

[PFAS CHEMICALS CONTINUE TO IMPACT THOUSANDS OF FARMERS ALL
ACROSS THE STATE, CONTAMINATING CROPS AND DISRUPTING THE
LIVELIHOODS AND BUSINESSES OF MANY.]

[SUPER:// SARAH WOODBURY, DEFEND OUR
HEALTH]

["FARMERS ARE A BUSINESS AND THEY'VE BEEN THE MOST HIGHLY
IMPACTED FROM A BUSINESS BUT ALSO FROM A HEALTH PERSPECTIVE
THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR FAMILIES"]

[AS MAINE CONTINUES TO TACKLE THIS GROWING ISSUE, SEVERAL MAINE
POLICY EXPERTS AND FARMERS SPOKE AT A SYMPOSIUM IN MICHIGAN TO
SHARE THE STATE'S EFFORTS.]

["IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR STATES TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER,
MAINE IS DEFINITELY IN THE LEAD IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE DOING
AROUND HELPING OUR FARMERS, THE RESEARCH THAT WE'RE DOING, THE
LEGISLATION THAT WE'VE PASSED ON SOURCE REDUCTION AS WELL AS THE
LEGISLATION AND FUNDING WE'VE PUT ASIDE FOR FARMERS THAT OTHER
STATES JUST AREN'T DOING"]

[MAINE FARMERS WERE JOINED BY OTHERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS
THEY SPOKE ON THE ECONOMIC AND HEALTH IMPACTS OF
PFAS CONTAMINATION OF FARMLAND.]

[SUPER:// FRED STONE / PFAS IMPACTED DAIRY
FARMER]

["PFAS HAS MANAGED TO ROB MY DAIRY OPERATION THAT GOES BACK
THREE GENERATIONS, WE'VE HAD TO EXTERMINATE 80% OF OUR HERD"]

[FRED STONE RUNS A DAIRY FARM IN ARUNDEL AND SAYS HIS FARM
HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS 'GROUND ZERO' AFTER HE SAYS THE HIGHEST
LEVELS OF PFAS AT THE TIME WERE FOUND IN HIS WATER IN 2016.]

["THIS IS A FOOD ISSUE AND A HEALTH ISSUE MAKE NO DOUBTS ABOUT IT"]

[FARMERS SAY THIS IS A GROWING ISSUE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ...AND
THE STATE OF MAINE'S EFFORTS ARE GRABBING NATIONAL RECOGNITION.]

[SUPER:// ART SCHAAP / PFAS IMPACTED CATTLE
FARMER, NEW MEXICO]

["THE STATE OF MAINE HAS TAKEN A LEAD IN BEING ON THE FOREFRONT OF
HELPING FARMERS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THAT GOES"]

[ADVOCATES SAY THE CONFERENCE IS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN
ENCOURAGING OTHER STATES TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH MAINE'S EFFORTS
TO CONTINUE TESTING FOR THESE HARMFUL CHEMICALS.]

[SUPER:// SARAH WOODBURY]

["IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN YOU CAN ALWAYS
LEARN SOMETHING AND THIS CONFERENCE BRINGS ADVOCATES,
LEGISLATURES, IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AND COMPANIES TO REALLY HAVE
IN DEPTH CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WHAT IS POSSIBLE MOVING FORWARD"]
[IN BANGOR, GRACE BLANCHARD FOR ABC 7 AND FOX 22 NEWS.]

[BETH]

THIS WEEKEND STORM BROUGHT HEAVY GUSTS AND RAIN TO MAINE,
IMPACTING EVERYTHING FROM BUSINESSES TO ROADS.
OUR MATTHEW JARONCYK HAS THE LATEST.

[PKG]

[TIME CUE:// 1:22]

[MOTHER NATURE DID NOT HOLD BACK IN DRENCHING MAINE WITH RAIN THIS
WEEKEND...]

[NAT SOUND OF RAIN]

[SUPER: TROOPER CAMERON BARNES // MAINE
STATE POLICE]

["THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CRASHES ESPECIALLY ON ROUTE THREE, ROUTE
ONE-A, ROUTE ONE. THOSE ARE BUSY ROADS AND THE WEATHER IMPACTS
DRIVING CONDITIONS."]

[THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN CARIBOU PROJECTS THAT PENOBSCOT
COUNTY COULD GET BETWEEN THREE TO FOUR INCHES OF RAIN BASED ON
LOCATION...]

[THE RAIN THAT FELL BROUGHT MANY CHALLENGES... INCLUDING WASHED
OUT ROADS AND STRANDED VEHICLES.]

[NAT SOUND OF CAR GETTING PULLED OUT (9)]

[SUPER: MATTHEW JARONCYK //]

["I'M IN ANKLE DEEP WATER ALONG WHAT WAS PART OF BALD MOUNTAIN
ROAD HERE IN ORLAND. PATROLMAN BARNES SAYS THE BEST THING TO DO IF
YOU SEE A ROAD WASHED OUT LIKE THIS IS TO SIMPLY NOT DRIVE THROUGH
IT.]

[SUPER: TROOPER CAMERON BARNES // MAINE
STATE POLICE]

["IF YOU SEE A ROAD WAS OUT LIKE THIS JUST TO STOP AND MAKE SURE
YOUR VEHICLE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH OR NOT. LARGER TRUCKS CAN
PROBABLY HANDLE THE WATER LEVELS BUT SMALLER CARS LIKE WE'VE
SEEN DRIVE THROUGH HERE THAT ARE NOW DISABLED DON'T HAVE THE
CLEARANCE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE WATER."]

[ELLSWORTH POLICE CAPTAIN SHAWN WILLEY CAUTIONS THAT WHILE
GENERATORS CAN ALSO HELP US WEATHER STORMS LIKE THIS...OPERATING
THEM REQUIRES CAUTION.]

[SUPER: CAPTAIN SHAWN WILLEY // ELLSWORTH
POLICE DEPARTMENT]

["DON'T RUN YOUR GENERATOR INSIDE. KEEP IT AWAY FROM YOUR HOUSE
WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING IT. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD AND
WATER ON-HAND SO YOU CAN STAY PUT."]

[MATTHEW JARONCYK, ABC 7 AND FOX 22 NEWS.]

[PETER]

CREWS BEGAN CLEARING A SCENE OF DESTRUCTION ON PARKWAY SOUTH IN BREWER AFTER MONDAY'S STORM LEFT A TRAIL OF KNOCKED DOWN POLES AND POWER LINES.

OUR GRACE BLANCHARD SPOKE WITH LOCALS AND OFFICIALS AS THEY MANAGE THE AFTERMATH.

[SUPER:// LOCALS REACT TO STORM DAMAGE /
BREWER]

[PKG]

[TIME CUE:// 01:28]

[SUPER:// JOHN FLYNN / PRESIDENT OF VERSANT
POWER]

["12 TO 15 POLES DOWN WITH LOTS OF TRANSFORMERS AND CONDUCTORS,
MOST OF THE POLES ARE TWISTED, BROKEN SNAPPED"]

[SUPER:// GRACE]

[THE PRESIDENT OF VERSANT POWER WAS ON SCENE HERE ON PARKWAY
SOUTH IN BREWER AND SAYS THE DAMAGE ACROSS THE STATE IS NOTHING
LIKE THEY'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE.]

["YOU THINK ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE THIS IS 12 OR 15 CREWS
THAT ARE GONNA BE HERE FOR A FULL DAY JUST TO RESTORE THIS SO ITS
MONUMENTAL DAMAGE"]

[SUPER:// SCOTT NASON / BREWER RESIDENT]

["TO SEE THEM SNAP LIKE THAT IS JUST INCREDIBLE AND SHOWS YOU HOW
POWERFUL MOTHER NATURE CAN BE"]

[SOME BREWER RESIDENTS LIKE SCOTT NASON AND HIS FAMILY JUST GOT
POWER BACK. HE SAYS IT WASN'T AN EASY WEEK BUT THEY FEEL LIKE ONE
OF THE LUCKY ONES...]

["WE HAD A SMALL GENERATOR THAT WAS ABLE TO RUN OUR
REFRIGERATOR SO WE DIDN'T LOSE ANY FOOD BUT NOT RUNNING A
FURNACE OR HAVING ANY HEAT SOURCE IT WAS GETTING CHILLY"]

[SUPER:// RHONDA SCHOQUETTE / BREWER
RESIDENT]

["IT'S BEEN A MESS AND I STILL HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT DON'T HAVE
POWER"]

[RESIDENT RHONDA SCHOQUETTE PURCHASED A GENERATOR AND A HEAT
PUMP IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE STORM, HOWEVER HEATING
EXPERTS SAY NOT ALL GENERATORS WILL POWER YOUR HEAT PUMP.]

[SUPER:// ED BONENFANT / DIRIGO PERFORMANCE
HEAT PUMPS]

["A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN CALLING THAT DON'T HAVE POWER
AND HAVE A GENERATOR I HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THE HEAT PUMP
PROBABLY WON'T RUN ON IT UNLESS ITS A PURE SIGN WAVE GENERATOR"]
[IT IS UNCLEAR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO GET PARKWAY SOUTH UP AND
RUNNING AGAIN. OFFICIALS ARE ASKING FOR PATIENCE AND EXTRA CAUTION
AROUND CREWS AS THEIR RESTORATION EFFORTS CONTINUE.]

["WE'LL GET POWER BACK AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN AND AS SAFELY AS WE CAN"]

[IN BREWER, GRACE BLANCHARD FOR ABC 7 AND FOX 22 NEWS.]