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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1981, L.D. 2170, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Permit the Governor to Veto Items Contained in Bills Appropriating Money.

Amend said Amendment in the first line, 3rd paragraph by inserting after the underlined words "If any bill" the following underlined words 'or resolution'

Further amend said Amendment/by striking out all of the last 2 underlined sentences and inserting in place there of the following underlined sentences:

'If the bill or resolution shall not be returned by the Governor within 10 days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, it shall have the same force and effect as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case the Governor shall within 10 days (Sundays excepted), after the bill or resolution has been presented to him, convene the Legislature for the purpose of reconsidering the legislation to which he has objected. The reconsideration shall be in the same manner as if the bill or resolution were returned by the Governor to the same session which presented it to him.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides that when the Governor, having item vetoed legislation, is unable to return it to the Legislature for reconsideration because of the Legislature's adjournment, he shall convene the Legislature for the purpose of reconsidering those portions of the bill or resolution to which he has objected.

The amendment also makes the language of this resolution consistent with the constitutional resolution permitting the Governor 10 days to return legislation submitted to him by the legislature.

Filed by Mr. Jensen of Portland.

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