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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1260)
108TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "Q" to S. P. 772, L.D. 2209, RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Limit the Amount
of Government Spending and Taxes which may be Made without Voter
Approval.

Amend the resolution by striking out everything after the
first paragraph and before the constitutional referendum and in-
serting in its place the following:

'Constitution, Art. I, §22, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

1. Spending limit. No unit of government shall spend
during any year more than the amount it spent during the previous
year adjusted to reflect any increase or decrease in the
cost of living. This limitation may be exceeded by any amount
of excess approved by a majority of the unit's electors voting
at a referendum called in accordance with state law.

The Legislature may enact any statutes necessary to carry
out the purposes of this subsection.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for a simple, yet effective, limit
on governmental spending.

Filed by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn

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