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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 884, L.D. 1138,  
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage."

9 Amend the bill by striking out all of the title  
10 and inserting in its place the following:

11 'AN ACT to Establish a Special Committee to Study the  
12 State's Minimum Wage.'

13 Further amend the bill by inserting before the  
14 enacting clause the following:

15 'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
16 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
17 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

18 Whereas, the minimum wage has not been increased  
19 since 1981; and

20 Whereas, there are currently no efforts being  
21 made to increase the minimum wage on the federal  
22 level; and

23 Whereas, the standard of living of individuals  
24 and families living on minimum wage, and the impact  
25 of an increase in the minimum wage on the economic  
26 and business climate in the State warrant immediate  
27 investigation to seek a solution to this problem; and

28 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
29 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
30 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
31 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
32 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
33 therefore,'

34 Further amend the bill by striking out everything

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1 after the enacting clause and inserting in its place  
2 the following:

3 'Sec. 1. Committee established. A special com-  
4 mittee is established to study the state's minimum  
5 wage. The committee shall consist of the Senate  
6 chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor who  
7 shall act as chairman of the committee; one member of  
8 the majority party and one member of the minority  
9 party in the Senate, appointed by the President of  
10 the Senate; one member of the majority party and one  
11 member of the minority party in the House of Repre-  
12 sentatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives; 2 representatives of small busi-  
14 nesses in the State, 2 representatives of large busi-  
15 nesses in the State, 2 representatives of employees  
16 in the State who are members of a labor union and 2  
17 representatives of employees in the State who are not  
18 members of a labor union, all appointed by the Presi-  
19 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives, jointly; and one representative from  
21 the Department of Labor, appointed by the Commis-  
22 sioner of Labor.

23 Sec. 2. Reimbursement of expenses. The members  
24 of the committee shall serve without compensation,  
25 but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses.

26 Sec. 3. Minimum wage study. The committee shall  
27 study the state minimum wage. This study shall  
28 include, but not be limited to the study of:

29 A. The impact of an increase in the state mini-  
30 mum wage on the state's economy;

31 B. Whether an increase in the minimum wage would  
32 result in increased unemployment;

33 C. Whether individuals and families are able to  
34 exist on the current minimum wage; and

35 D. What effect previous minimum wage increases

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1 have had on the economy, the unemployment rate  
2 and the standard of living within the State.

3           Sec. 4. Report. The committee shall report its  
4 findings to the Legislative Council for introduction  
5 at the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legis-  
6 lature prior to the convening of that session,  
7 together with final draft copies of any proposed  
8 legislation which the committee may recommend.'

9 Further amend the bill by inserting before the  
10 Statement of Fact the following:

11       'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
12       cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect  
13       when approved.'

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15       This amendment adds an emergency preamble and  
16       clause to the bill, and it eliminates the proposed  
17       minimum wage increase.

18       The purpose of this amendment ~~is~~ to establish a  
19       committee to study the state minimum wage, including  
20       any historical and projected impacts an increase in  
21       the minimum wage has, and to report its findings and  
22       any proposed changes to the Second Regular Session of  
23       the 111th Legislature.

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1       The committee shall be representative of the  
2       legislative branch of State Government, small and  
3       large business, union and nonunion labor and the  
4       Executive Branch.

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