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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 948, L.D. 1277, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide the Governor with a Line-item Veto"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of subsection 2-A and inserting in its place the following:

'2-A. Line-item veto of items appearing in appropriation or allocation sections of budget bills. The Governor has power to disapprove any item or items appearing in an appropriation or allocation section of an enacted budget bill, the primary purpose of which is to make unified, supplemental or emergency appropriations or allocations for the expenditures of State Government. Unless the Governor exercises the line-item veto power authorized in this section no later than one day after receiving for signature the enacted legislation, the powers of the Governor as set out in section 2 apply to the entire enacted legislation. For any such disapproved item or items, the Governor shall replace the item with one that does not result in an increase in an appropriation or allocation or a decrease in a deappropriation or deallocation. When disapproving an item pursuant to this section, the Governor may not propose an increase in an appropriation or allocation elsewhere in the legislative document. The Governor shall specify the distinct item or items that are revised and the part or parts of the legislative document not specifically revised become law. The item or items of appropriation or allocation that have been disapproved become law, as revised, unless passed over the Governor's veto as provided in section 2, except that, notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution for items vetoed pursuant to this section, a majority of all the elected members in each House is sufficient to override the veto

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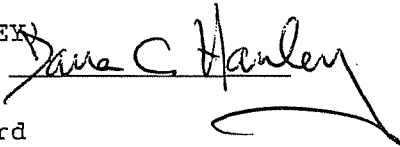
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and each item vetoed must be voted on separately to override the
veto. Except as provided in this section, the Governor may not
disapprove, omit or modify any language allocated to the statutes
or appearing in an unallocated section of law. This section does
not apply to an enacted bill that includes appropriation or
allocation sections but whose primary purpose is to enact, amend
or repeal a section or sections of law.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment incorporates the substance of House Amendment
"A" to Committee Amendment "A" and, in addition, this amendment
restricts use of the line-item veto to unified and supplemental
budget bills and prohibits the Governor, when disapproving an
item under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third,
Section 2-A, from proposing an increase in spending elsewhere in
the bill.

(Senator HANLEY)
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