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MAJORITY
LABOR

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 418, L.D. 568, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Raising the Minimum Wage"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305, §1, is amended to read:

1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage, beginning January 1, 1999, is \$4.25 \$5.40 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of \$4.25 \$5.40 per hour, the minimum wage must be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed \$5.15 per hour.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Regulation and Enforcement

All Other \$11,259

Appropriates funds for the costs of revising the minimum wage poster.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1998-99

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$11,259

This bill will require the revision of the minimum wage poster by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards. A General Fund appropriation of \$11,259 in fiscal year 1998-99 will be required for printing and mailing costs. If other bills are enacted that also require changes to this poster, the costs properly allocated to this bill can be reduced.'

SUMMARY

This is the majority amendment of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. It replaces the bill and establishes a minimum wage of \$5.40 per hour, beginning January 1, 1999. The amendment also adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.