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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " J " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 832, L.D. 1137, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part EE.

Further amend the amendment by inserting before the emergency clause the following:

PART XX

Sec. XX-1. No legislative per diem for committee hearings or meetings held when 118th Legislature is not in regular session. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, legislative per diem may not be paid for any day's attendance at a committee meeting or hearing if that committee meeting or hearing is held after final adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature and prior to the convening of the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

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

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Personal Services

(\$44,000)

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2 Deappropriates funds from
3 savings by prohibiting the
4 payment of per diem to
5 legislators for attendance at
6 meetings or hearings held
7 during the interim between
8 the first and second regular
9 sessions of the 118th
10 Legislature.

11 **LEGISLATURE**
12 **TOTAL** (44,000)

13 **MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION**
14 **AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,**
15 **DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Community Development - Children**

17 All Other 44,000

18 Provides funds for additional
19 services to children who are
20 on a waiting list.

21 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL**
22 **RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
23 **SERVICES**
24 **TOTAL** 44,000

25 **TOTAL APPROPRIATION** \$0'

26 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
27 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
28 consecutively.

29 **FISCAL NOTE**

30 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
31 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
32 for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99.

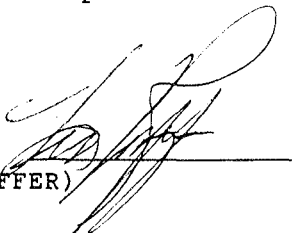
33 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment removes that part of the committee amendment
35 that would have allowed the Joint Standing Committee on
36 Appropriations and Financial Affairs to receive per diem and
37 expenses for monthly meetings. The amendment also prohibits the

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L.D. 1137

2 payment of legislative per diem for any committee meetings or
hearings held between the adjournment of the First Regular
4 Session of the 118th Legislature and the convening of the Second
Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

6 The amendment appropriates the per diem savings to the
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
8 Abuse Services to provide additional services to children on a
waiting list.

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14 SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator KIEFFER)

16 COUNTY: Aroostook

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