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Honorable Nancy Randall Clark House of Representatives State House Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Representative Clark:

Attorney General Brennan has requested that I respond to your letter of March 10, 1978, requesting a ruling on House Amendment "A" which has been proposed to L.L. 1957. "We have previously had occasion to consider the question you pose in response to an opinion request from Representative Donald Carter. A copy of our letter to Representative Carter is attached herewith. I believe that letter addresses part of the question which you have raised.

The original bill, L.D. 1957, does not raise similar Article VI, Section 5, problems to those presented by House Amendment "A" because the bill simply authorizes the Supreme Court to engage in rulemaking activity and does not raise the possibility that the Justices of the Supreme Court or any other Court will accept other offices in State Government, although they may serve on a committee designated by the Court.

I hope this information is helpful. If you need further information, we will try to provide it.

Sincerely,

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