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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 108, L. D. 148, "An Act Increasing Inspection Fee for Sardines."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the title the following emergency preamble:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, the sardine industry is one of the important industries of the State; and

Whereas, the packing of sardines is a seasonal operation extending from April 15th to December 1st of each year; and

Whereas, maintaining and improving the quality of the manufactured product is desirable for both the consumers and packers; and

Whereas, the inspection conducted by the Commissioner of Agriculture is financed solely by funds made available by self-imposed industry assessment; and

Whereas, an increase in the services demanded by the industry have made it impossible to finance the cost of the inspection with the present assessment of 5¢ per case of sardines packed; and

Whereas, it is desirable and necessary that any change in the rate of assessment per case of sardines packed should be in effect at the beginning of the packing season, or as soon as possible thereafter; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require that the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following emergency clause:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.'

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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