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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 510, L.D. 723, Bill, "An Act
Relating to Qualification of Witnesses and Repealing the
Dead Man's Statute."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the words
"and Repealing the Dead Man's Statute"

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'R. S., T. 16, §59, additional. Title 16 of the Revised
Statutes is amended by adding a new section 59 to read as follows:
§59. Actions for injury to or death of persons

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, in actions
to recover damages for injury to a person or for wrongfully
causing the death of a person, every person is qualified to be
a witness as to any material matter unless the judge finds that
the proposed witness is incapable of expressing himself concerning
the matter so as to be understood by the judge and jury either
directly or through interpretation by one who can understand him,
or the proposed witness is incapable of understanding the duty of
a witness to tell the truth.'

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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