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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
105TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to H. P. 927, L. D. 1281, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Payment of Dues to Grower Organizations
by Handlers and Processors of Farm Products."

Amend said Bill by inserting before that part designated
"§ 1091." the following:

'§ 1090. Findings and purpose

The Legislature finds and declares that the agricultural industry as a whole is of significant economic and social importance to the State of Maine. The Legislature further finds and declares that the agricultural industry is subject to unique financial difficulties. Such difficulties include instability of prices, the general inflexibility of demand for farm products, rising costs to producers, dealers and processors, and the vagaries of nature.

Such financial difficulties have a direct effect on a significant portion of the people of the State who are not directly involved in agricultural activities or industries.

The Legislature further finds and declares that the relationships between agricultural producers and dealers or processors are also unique. The normal labor relationship of employer and employee does not ordinarily apply in the agricultural industry. In view of these facts, the Legislature has determined that it is in the best interests of those engaged in agriculture and agriculturally related industry,

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and of the people of the entire State to regulate the relationship of producers to dealers and processors by encouraging and facilitating the formation and operation of nonprofit agricultural commodity organizations. The Legislature in enacting this legislation intends to exercise the police power of the State to benefit the health and welfare of the agricultural industry and the people of the State.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make it clear that the Legislature is, through the passage of this bill, exercising its police power, and to further enumerate the facts which require such legislation.

Proposed by Senator:

(Harding)
NAME:

COUNTY: Aroostook

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