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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A " to S. P. 62, L. D. 165, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to Bilingual and Bicultural Education."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the words
"and Bicultural"

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

'R. S., T. 20, §102, sub-§16, amended. The 2nd paragraph
of subsection 16 of section 102 of Title 20 of the Revised
Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 234 of the
public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:
Subject to the annual approval~~7-annually7~~ of the commissioner,
the school committee or the school directors of any
administrative district having a high concentration of such
children may provide early childhood programs involving
bilingual education techniques designed to provide these
children during their pre-school, kindergarten and first
~~and-2nd~~ 4 grades with educational experiences which will
enhance their learning ~~and-earning~~ potential. Bilingual
instructors shall be subject to section 59 requiring
certification of teachers by the State Board of Education,
in both course content and language of instruction.'

(Filing No. H-159)

Statement of Fact

Many children enter school in Maine without a command of the English language and are seriously handicapped throughout their formal education when they are forced to learn in a curriculum taught entirely in English. Bilingualism is important if a nonEnglish speaking child is to develop an understanding of the English language.

Filed by Mr. Gahagan of Caribou.

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