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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 106TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT" A" to S.P. 817, L.D. 2314, Bill, "AN ACT Extending Collective Bargaining Rights to State Employees."

Amend said Bill by inserting after subparagraph (1) of paragraph E of that part designated "§979-D." the following:

- (2) Public employers shall not negotiate with respect to their right;
 - (a) To hire, suspend or terminate employees and the right to promote, demote, assign, transfer and retain employees in positions under their control;
 - (b) To schedule and direct the work of their cmployees;
 - (c) To determine the methods, means and numbers and types of personnel by which their operations are to be carried on;
 - (d) To modify programs and personnel with respect to budgetary resources;
 - (e) To maintain the efficiency of their operations; or
 - (f) To take actions as may be necessary to carry out their operations in emergencies.

Further amend said Bill by renumbering, in that part designated "§979-D." subparagraph (2) to be (3) and subparagraph (3) to be subparagraph (4).

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is as follows: The parameters of collective bargaining in the public sector must be clarified by legislatively determined

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policies and goals. Listing the duties and responsibilities of public management will moderate the escalation of negotiations which tends to detract from the protection of the public interest in municipal and quasi-municipal operations. Public employer-employee agreements should facilitate rather than impede the conduct of public business.

Wages, hours and working conditions are left for the bargaining table.

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