

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

(Filing No. H-683)

HOUSE AMENDMENT"A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A" to H.P. 848, L.D. 1035, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Maine Right to Know Law."

Amend said amendment by inserting before the first paragraph the following:

'Amend said Bill in section 2 in the 7th line (6th line in L.D.) by inserting after the word "body" the underlined punctuation and words '<u>,including the Legislature of Maine</u> and its committees and subcommittees,'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end of section 2 the following underlined sentences: '<u>The committees</u> and subcommittees of the Legislature may hold work sessions from which persons not members of those committees and subcommittees may be excluded. No official action shall be finally approved at such work sessions.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:

Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §404, last sentence, is repealed as follows:

The-conditions-of-this-section-shall-not-apply-to-executive sessions-of-committees-of-the-Maine-begislature-'

Further amend said amendment by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following: Further amend ' / said Bill by striking out all of section 5.'

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit legislative

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committees to hold working sessions to discuss legislation without lobbyists and others present. The committees may not take official action at such working sessions.

Filed by Mr. Snow of Falmouth.

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