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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT"A" to H.P. 1437, L.D. 1452, Bill, "AN ACT to Fund Public School Education."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end of section 33 the following underlined blocked paragraph:

'The state valuation which was filed with the Secretary of State by the Bureau of Property Taxation on February 1, 1975, shall be adjusted by adding to it the total 1973 valuation of the personal property which was exempted from taxation pursuant to section 655, subsection 1, paragraphs A, B, C and D. Each municipality's valuation shall be adjusted for 1975-76 and thereafter for the purpose of establishing the rate of the uniform school property tax in section 451 by adding to its 1975 valuation its 1973 personal property valuation which was exempted from taxation by section 655, subsection 1, paragraphs A, B, C and D. The 1973 value of personal property which was exempted from taxation shall be added to all future state valuation computations for the purpose of determining the uniform school property tax in section 451 so long as the municipalities which lost revenue because of said exemptions are reimbursed by the State for the loss of revenue pursuant to Title 30, section 5056.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to include in state valuation computations the personal property valuation which was exempted from taxation by the repeal of the inventory tax. The personal property valuation as of 1973 would be included only for the purpose of establishing the uniform school rate and only so long as the D OF R.

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municipalities which are losing revenue are being reimbursed. These municipalities have suffered no revenue loss and have gained a \$7,200,000 advantage because the value of personal property is not included in state valuation.

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