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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1818, L.D. 1976, Bill,
"AN ACT to Clarify the Laws Relating to County Budgets."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the York County Commissioners have impounded funds intended for 5 social service agencies located in York County, which funds were appropriated specifically for them in the county estimates for the biennium beginning January 1, 1975; and

Whereas, as a result of the impoundment, many social services have been curtailed in York County; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end, before the statement of fact, the following:

'Sec. 2. Resolves, 1975, c. 15, amended. Resolved: That the following new paragraph is added before the emergency clause to read as follows:

The York County Commissioners shall expend the funds authorized by the York County Budget for 1975 - 1977, in accordance with the adopted York County estimates, including changes and other alterations made by the Legislature in line categories of such estimates for York County. All appropriations included within the adopted estimates for the biennium 1975-77 shall be paid as appropriated on at least a quarterly basis to those entities designated in the estimates. Quarterly payments for the year 1975 under the terms of this Resolve shall be paid immediately.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require the York County Commissioners to release certain funds which they have impounded that were included within the county estimates by the Legislature for the biennium beginning January 1, 1975. These funds were specific line category items intended for 5 named nonprofit social service agencies that provide substantial human services to the citizens of York County. As a result of this impoundment, substantial social services are being curtailed in York County.

Reported by the Committee on Local and County Government.

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