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HOUSE AMENDMENT " F " to H.P. 1873, L.D. 2031, Bill, "AN ACT to Repeal and Replace the Present School Finance Law."

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

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §358, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 510, §18, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, expenditures for bus purchases approved by the commissioner shall not be included within expenditure limitations placed on administrative units by other sections of this Title. The commissioner is directed to encourage administrative units, whenever possible, to pay for the cost of new buses from current funds rather than from short-term loans.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 1 to 4 to be sections 2 to 5.

Statement of Fact

This amendment would place the purchase of new buses outside any expenditure limitation. It would not change the authorization level at which the commissioner can approve the purchase of new buses. As a result of current expenditure limitations, administrative units are forced to pay for buses over a period of years. The State is already committed to paying the following interest

charges resulting from new bus purchases: \$33,260.21 in fiscal year 1976, \$52,323.89 in fiscal year 1977 and \$38,789.94 in fiscal year 1978.

Filed by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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