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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-892)
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
1915, L.D. 2101, Bill, "AN ACT to Return to Local Control of
Funding of Public Schools."

Amend said Amendment in the 7th paragraph by inserting
after the first underlined sentence the following:

'Any unit which raises less than its allocation as determined
in this section and assesses and collects a tax of less than
14.5 mills shall have its allocation reduced by the same percentage
that its assessed tax rate is less than the 14.5 mill tax rate.
No municipality within an administrative unit shall be required
to raise more than its portion of the unit's allocation. When
any municipality within an administrative unit assesses and collects
a tax of 14.5 mills and raises less than its portion of the unit's
allocation, the commissioner shall adjust the allocation to the unit
to reflect an amount which is equivalent to the difference between
the amount raised with the 14.5 mill tax rate and the municipality's
portion of the unit's allocation. For any municipality within an
administrative unit, its portion of the unit's allocation shall
be the same percentage of that allocation as the total resident
pupils of the municipality is of the total resident pupils of
the administrative unit.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment has 3 purposes:

1. It provides that unit's cannot reduce their local tax effort for education and still receive an allocation computed as though the town had made a higher tax effort.

2. It establishes that towns within districts which can raise their share of the district's allocation without taxing themselves 14.5 mills may do so and may not be required to raise additional funds.

3. It ensures that the district with an over collection town receives the full allocation required for the support of all students within the district.

Filed by Mrs. Post of Owls Head.

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