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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIRST SPECIAL SESSION (Filing No. H-977) 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1966, L.D. 2155, Bill,
"AN ACT Regarding the Rights of Students at the University of Maine
in the University Bargaining Process."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1022, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 603, §1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

In addition to its responsibilities to the public generally, the university shall have the specific responsibility of considering and representing the interests and welfare of the students in any negotiations under this chapter.

- Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1024, sub-§4 is enacted to read:
- 4. Students.
- A. When collective bargaining is to take place between the university and the faculty or professional and administrative staff, the board of trustees shall appoint 3 currently enrolled students who are broadly representative of the various campuses and who may meet and confer with the bargaining agent prior to collective bargaining.
- B. During the course of collective bargaining, the student representatives designated under paragraph A shall be allowed to meet and confer with the university bargaining team at reasonable intervals during the course of negotiations, such

meetings to occur at least upon receipt by the university of the initial bargaining proposal of the bargaining agent and before final agreement on a contract or any major provisions thereof. The students shall be bound by the same rules of negotiation, including but not limited to those regarding confidentiality, as the participants in the negotiations.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to require the university bargaining team to meet and confer with students at reasonable intervals during the course of collective bargaining negotiations and to consider and represent the interests and welfare of students in negotiations.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Labor.

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