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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 416,
L.D. 523, Bill, "AN ACT to Require that Persons or Agencies
Placing Unrelated Children for Adoption be Licensed."

Amend the Amendment by striking out all of the last underlined
paragraph of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, any
written consent for a child to be adopted shall be given in
front of a judge of probate or other person designated by the
judge for that purpose, unless one of the petitioners to adopt
the child is a blood relative of the child or unless the
petitioners have received the child from the Department of Human
Services or from a licensed adoption agency. Before this consent
is given, the effect of the consent shall be fully explained
by the judge or other designated person to the person giving
the consent. Before allowing the consent, the judge or other
designated person shall make a determination that the consent
is freely and knowledgeably given.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 416,

L.D. 523

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow a probate judge to designate another person to be present for the consent of a natural parent to have his child adopted by a person who is not a blood relative. This amendment is necessary because it will not always be possible for the natural parents to appear in court.

Filed by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

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