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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 700, L.D. 842, Bill,
"AN ACT Concerning Displaced Homemakers."

Amend the Bill in section 2 by inserting at the end
following
of that part designated "§1602." the/underlined paragraph:

'Such establishment shall be in cooperation with the
Displaced
/ Homemakers Advisory Council, pursuant to section 1604,
subsection 2, paragraph A. The commissioner shall administer
this chapter, subject to the availability of funds and other
resources. The commissioner may accept and administer cash
and in-kind grants-in-aid from any public or private source
for purposes authorized under this chapter.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 by striking out
all of paragraph D of subsection 3 of that part designated
"§1606." and inserting in its place the following:

'D. Provide interest free loans not in excess of \$1,000
per recipient to develop appropriate education or training,
or both.'

For the purposes of administering the loan service, the
Commissioner of Manpower Affairs is authorized to establish
a revolving fund, into which shall be paid all general
funds appropriated for the purposes of this paragraph and all
repayments of loans made from such general fund appropriations,
and out of which shall be paid all loans made out of such
general funds. In addition, the revolving fund may be used
to administer loans from sources other than general funds,

provided that all transactions from such funds shall be separately identified.

The principal amount of all loans made from general funds shall be repaid according to a schedule of approximately equal monthly payments, the total principal amount to be repaid not later than the 48th month after the date of the loan. The first monthly payment may be delayed until the 12th month after the borrower has begun regular, full-time employment, provided that the first such payment shall not be later than the 24th month after the date of the loan.

Any unobligated amounts from general funds which are in the revolving fund at the termination of this chapter, or which are repaid subsequent thereto, shall revert to the General Fund.

The Commissioner _____ is authorized to promulgate rules necessary for the administering of this paragraph.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Manpower Affairs the sum of \$35,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Of such sum, not less than the following amounts shall be used only for the principal of loans made pursuant to Title 26, section 1606, subsection 3, paragraph D; for 1977-78, \$5,000 and for 1978-79, \$5,000. Amounts for the principal of loans

shall not lapse, except as provided in Title 26, section 1606, subsection 3, paragraph D. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
MANPOWER AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Displaced Homemakers Program		
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$15,000
All Other	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	\$15,000	\$20,000

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes the following changes in the bill.

1. The General Fund appropriation for personal services to administer the Act is reduced and authority is granted for the Commissioner of Manpower Affairs to accept cash and in-kind grants from public and private sources which may be used for purposes authorized under the Act, including servicing of the loan program and providing the other services authorized.

2. Conflicting language in the bill is changed to assure that^a multipurpose service program is established cooperatively by the commissioner and the Displaced Homemakers Advisory Council.

3. Authority for a grant program is deleted from the bill. The loan program is continued, but with new requirements for repayment by borrowers; authority to reloan amounts repaid; and a requirement for reversion of unobligated balances in the loan fund, should the Act terminate. Of the amounts appropriated, not to exceed \$3,000 each year may be used for "all other" purposes other than principal loan amounts.

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