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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 311, L.D. 1031, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide Certified Interpreter Service for the Hearing
Impaired."

Amend the Bill in that part designated "§48." in sub-
section 1 by striking out all of paragraph C and by relettering
paragraphs D to I to be paragraphs C to H.

Further amend the Bill in that part designated "§48."
in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last underlined
sentence.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to delete the references to
the directories of qualified interpreters prepared by the Maine
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the State Association of
the Deaf, or any interpreting agency.

The reason for the deletions is that the 2 organizations
mentioned are organizations which do not have the administrative
functions, budget or staff needed to coordinate interpreting
services. In addition, calls for interpreters often need an
immediate response, which can only be provided if full-time staff
members exist.

Because these organizations cannot offer coordination or an
immediate response to requests for interpreters, they should not
be mentioned in the bill.

Filed by Mr. Talbot of Portland.

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