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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 628, L.D. 1960, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Appeal Procedures in the Employment
Security Law."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature
do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, since the 1973-74 economic recession the number
of unemployment benefit appeals to the commission has more
than tripled; and

Whereas, the need for this emergency legislation is to
relieve the Chairman of the 3-member commission from the
responsibility of scheduling appeals and conducting hearings
all across the State; and

Whereas, the Chairman has additional responsibilities
for administration of the department, which is impeded by the
time required for conducting hearings; and

Whereas, this legislation would expedite the hearing of
unemployment benefit appeals thereby eliminating delay in

processing decisions and benefit payments to unemployed individuals;
and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to make it an emergency measure.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.

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