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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to SENATE AMENDMENT "G" to S. P. 772,  
L.D. 2209, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution  
to Limit the Amount of Government Spending and Taxes which may  
be Made without Voter Approval.

Amend the Amendment by inserting after the underlined  
words "whichever is less," in the 6th line of the 2nd paragraph  
the following:

'but the percentage ratio of the prior year appropriations of  
a unit of government, or appropriations as adjusted, relative to  
the prior year gross personal income of the people within such  
unit of government that is in effect when this section is  
adopted shall not be exceeded,'

Further amend the Amendment on page 4 by inserting  
after the 5th paragraph the following:

'(5) "Personal income of the people" means the income  
received by persons within a governmental unit from all sources,  
as defined and officially reported by the Bureau of  
Taxation or its successor agency.'

Further amend the Amendment on page 5 by adding at the  
end of the 4th line the underlined sentence:

'This local control option shall be automatic upon the effective  
date of this resolution for one period of 3 fiscal years  
thereafter to permit the Bureau of Taxation or its successor

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agency to determine and define the gross personal income of  
the people of such local units of government.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is to assure that the cost of government however determined, will not exceed its relative proportion of the gross personal income of the people. It provides for a definition of gross personal income and allows an automatic 3 year delay in the implementation of the resolution at the local level.

Filed by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

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