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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-509)

SENATE AMENDMENT "F " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1723, L.D. 1827, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Allocations from the Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years from July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980 and from July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981, Decrease the State Aid Bonus from 40% to 20%, and Revise Drivers' License and Examination Fees."

Amend the Amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7824, sub-§4, ¶B, sub-¶(3), as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

For the fiscal year←→1979-80 only, any balance existing as of June 30, 1980, not to exceed \$250,000, shall be transferred to the Highway Fund.'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out the underlined abbreviation and figure "Sec. 1." and inserting in its place 'Sec. 1-A.'

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Further amend the Amendment by inserting after section 5
the following:

'Sec. 5-A. 36 MRSA §2903-A, as last amended by PL 1973,
c. 513, §22, is further amended by inserting before the 2nd
sentence from the end the following new sentence:
For the fiscal year 1980-81 only, \$100,000 shall be transferred
from the Boating Facilities Fund to the Highway Fund.

Sec. 5-B. 36 MRSA §2903-B, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 613, §22,
is amended by inserting before the last sentence the following
new sentence:

For the fiscal year 1980-81 only, \$100,000 shall be transferred
from the Snowmobile Trail Fund to the Highway Fund.

Sec. 5-C. 38 MRSA §322, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 460,
§19, is further amended by adding at the end the following new
sentence:

For the fiscal year ← → 1979-80 only, any balance existing as
of June 30, 1980, not to exceed \$250,000, shall be transferred to
the Highway Fund.'

Further amend the Amendment in section 7 by striking out
3rd,
all of the 4th and 5th lines and inserting in their place the
following:

'0291 State Police.....2-681

Unallocated	\$8,443,538	\$8,607,628
		<u>7,607,628</u>

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Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of sections
8, 9 and 10 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 8. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, under the caption
"17 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION," is amended to read:

0341	Transportation - Planning and Services.....2-715		
	Unallocated	730,000 <u>630,809</u>	760,000 <u>568,000</u>
0339	Highway - Adminis- tration.....2-701		
	Unallocated	3,694,645 <u>3,594,645</u>	3,027,050 <u>3,627,050</u>
0336	Highway- State Aid Construction.....2-733		
	Unallocated	7,900,000 <u>400,000</u>	7,900,000
0355	Highway - Town Road Improvement Fund.....2-734		
	Unallocated	1,000,000	1,000,000 <u>800,000</u>
0330	Highway - Summer Maintenance.....2-720		
	Unallocated	27,285,700	28,719,900 <u>26,719,900</u>
0332	Highway - Picnic Area....2-725		
	Unallocated	105,307	107,604 <u>7,604</u>
0345	Highway- Winter Maintenance.....2-741		
	Unallocated	17,117,200 <u>16,386,208</u>	17,900,874 <u>17,408,874</u>

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0358	Highway-Bond Interest.....2-749		
	Unallocated	2,688,667	3,276,497
		<u>2,469,267</u>	<u>3,065,897</u>
0359	Highway-Bond Retirement.....2-751		
	Unallocated	5,180,000	1,860,000
			<u>1,290,000</u>
0406	Highway-Highway and Bridge Improvements.....2-753		
	Unallocated	1,200,000	3,200,000
			<u>2,700,000</u>

Sec. 9. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, the line "Total

Allocations," is amended to read:

Total Allocations	\$95,000,943	\$95,786,207
	<u>\$86,314,543</u>	<u>\$89,849,607</u>

Sec. 10. PL 1979, c. 439, Part A, §1, last ¶ is amended

to read:

Amounting to ~~\$95,000,943~~ \$86,314,543 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and ~~\$95,786,207~~ \$89,849,607 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to maintain the existing funding ratio of the State Police budget and further reduce budget allocations by \$2,000,000 to fund the State Police from the Highway Fund. At the present time, the State Police budget is funded 75% from the Highway Fund and 25% from the General Fund.

In order to maintain the existing funding ratio of the State Police budget, this amendment revises Committee Amendment "A" to do the following:

1. Reduces the winter maintenance allocation in 1979-80 by \$225,000;
2. Further reduces the summer maintenance account by \$500,000 for fiscal year 1980-81;
3. Further reduces highway planning and services account by \$100,000;
4. Reduces the picnic area construction account for 1980-81 by \$100,000;
5. Further reduces the State Police budget by \$700,000 for fiscal year 1980-81; and
6. Further reduces Town Road Improvement by \$100,000 for fiscal year 1980-81.

By reducing the winter maintenance account by an additional \$225,000 for fiscal year 1979-80, there will be no significant impact upon the State. As of December 31, 1979, there were savings in excess of \$700,000 in this account.

The additional reduction in the summer maintenance account of \$500,000 will reduce summer paving by roughly 100 miles. The Governor's bill reduced summer paving by more than 400 miles.

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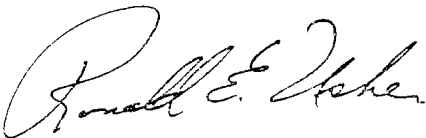
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Committee Amendment "A" reduces summer paving by 200 miles, and this amendment reduces summer paving by 300 miles.

The \$100,000 reduction in the picnic area construction account will have no adverse effects. This allocation is a construction account and not a maintenance fund.

The reduction in the State Police allocation will result in an additional loss of General Fund revenues of \$250,000. State Police officials have indicated that the State Police will defer training and hiring of an additional 30 state troopers for one year for a total saving of \$990,000. The additional cut in funds would result in the loss of 8 State Police personnel.

The amendment also restores full funding of the state aid construction allocations and reduces town road improvement fund for fiscal year 1980-81 by \$100,000.



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TOWN: Cumberland County

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