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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H.-169)
110TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 845, L.D. 1011, Bill, "AN ACT to Implement Certain Cost Savings while the State's Unemployment Compensation Fund Remains in Debt."

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, the United States Congress has passed the United States Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980, PL 96-499, which effects changes in the federal reimbursement provisions of the unemployment compensation law; and

Whereas, the State will lose federal reimbursement funds if the Legislature does not make this proposed change in the method of paying benefits to persons eligible to receive unemployment compensation; 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 striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill by striking out at the beginning of section 2 the following: "Sec. 2."

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

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

Fiscal Note

Any actual cost savings will depend upon several unknown variables. It is estimated that if the "waiting week" had been in effect, savings to the fund in 1980 would have been as follows:

Regular benefits	\$5,943,000
Extended benefits	756,000'

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds language to make this emergency legislation. This amendment also strikes out the provision in section 1 of the bill suspending payment of dependents' benefits and adds a fiscal note for the bill as amended.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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