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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-233)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 517, L.D. 1439, Bill, "AN ACT to Promote the Maine Potato Industry."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT Making Appropriations from the General Fund for Operations of the Seed Potato Board.'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
SEED POTATO BOARD		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$23,438	\$31,250
Plant Pathologist		
All Other	14,063	18,750
Capital Expenditures	<u>47,500</u>	<u>48,000</u>
Total	\$85,001	\$98,000'

Statement of Fact

The Seed Potato Board will continue to play a major role for the state's potato industry by developing and growing new, healthy varieties of potato seed, to be used by producers. The board needs new operating and capital funds to permit it to provide a service comparable to the service provided by facilities in other states and

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the Canadian provinces.

If the board is not able to perform this service, it will place the Maine potato industry at a competitive disadvantage with other states and the Canadian provinces. This amendment authorizes appropriations for the following:

1. Salary and related costs for a plant pathologist ..\$50,000;
(per year annualized rate)
2. Plastic greenhouse for seedling testing..... 7,500;
3. Potato storage addition for improved handling..... 48,000;
and
4. Seedling storage (to replace one built in/1930's).. 40,000.
the

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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