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L.D. 1754

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to
H.P. 1323, L.D. 1754, Bill, "AN ACT Creating a Maine
Milk Pool."

Amend the Amendment by inserting after the title
the following:

'Amend the Bill in section 4 in that part desig-
nated "§3151." by adding at the end the following:

'The Legislature finds that dairy farms in
Aroostook, Washington and northern Penobscot Counties
presently operate at significantly higher costs
because of their remoteness from markets and sup-
plies; that they face greater risks because they
operate on a closer margin; that their markets are
less secure; and that negative changes in the overall
economy have a magnified effect in the northern Maine
region.'

It is the intent of the Legislature that the
reblending of Class I premiums under the Maine Milk
Pool created by this chapter be deemed to be the
reapportionment of an economic benefit created by
regulation in order to smooth out differences in milk
prices between different markets and not as a tax on
the income of Maine market producers. It is also the
interest of the Legislature that deductions from the
Maine Milk Pool for promotion be deemed to be deduc-
tions from the amounts otherwise payable from the
pool to Maine and Boston market producers.'

Further amend the Bill in section 4 in that part
designated "§3152." in subsection 6 in the 2nd to 6th
lines (page 5, lines 6 to 10 in L.D.) by striking out
the following: " , excepting those located in
Aroostook County and Washington County, and that por-

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1 tion of Penobscot County north of and including the
2 minor civil divisions of Medway, T.A.R. 7 and Long A
3 T.W.P."

4 Further amend the Bill in section 4 in that part
5 designated "§3152." by striking out all of subsection
6 7 and inserting in its place the following:

7 '7. Maine Milk Pool. "Maine Milk Pool" means
8 the sum of collections as prescribed in section 3153,
9 from Maine market producers.'

10 Further amend the Amendment in the first line
11 after the title (page 1, line 9 in amendment) by
12 striking out the word "Amend" and inserting in its
13 place the words 'Further amend'

14 Further amend the Amendment by striking out all
15 of the 2nd paragraph after the title and inserting in
16 its place the following:

17 'Further amend the Bill in section 4 in that part
18 designated "§3153." in subsection 1 in the 7th line
19 (page 6, line 24 in L.D.) by inserting after the
20 underlined word "producers" the following: ', north-
21 ern Maine market producers'

22 Further amend the Amendment by inserting after
23 the 2nd paragraph after the title the following:

24 'Further amend the Bill in section 4 in that part
25 designated "§3153." in subsection 2 in paragraph A by
26 inserting before the last sentence the following:
27 'Based on the fact that northern Maine market pro-
28 ducers presently operate at significantly higher
29 costs because of their remoteness from markets and
30 supplies, that they face greater risks because they
31 operate on a closer margin and because their markets
32 are less secure, payments to the Maine Milk Pool
33 attributable to northern Maine market producers shall
34 be reduced by 1/2 and those producers' initial pay-
35 ments under this section shall be increased by the

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1 of their remoteness from markets and supplies, face
2 greater risks because they operate on a closer margin
3 and have less secure markets. This amendment also
4 clarifies the intent of the Legislature in establish-
5 ing the Maine Milk Pool and ensures that all Boston
6 market producers contribute equally to the cost of
7 promotion.

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