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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1335, L.D.  
1872, Bill, "AN ACT to Change Martin Luther King Day  
from a Special Observance Day to a State Holiday."

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the emer-  
gency preamble.

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Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part  
designated "§1051." in the first paragraph in the 3rd  
line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the  
following: "King" and inserting in its place the fol-  
lowing: 'King, Jr.'

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Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection  
1 in the 5th line (page 2, line 39 in L.D.) by strik-  
ing out the following: "King" and inserting in its  
place the following: 'King, Jr.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section  
3 the following:

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'Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §3204, first ¶, as repealed and  
replaced by PL 1985, c. 509, is amended to read:

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No person, firm or corporation may, on the Lord's  
Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the 3rd Monday in  
January; except between the hours of noon and 5:00  
p.m. on those Sundays falling between Thanksgiving  
Day and Christmas Day; Memorial Day, the last Monday  
in May, but if the Federal Government designates May  
30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the  
30th of May; July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of  
September; Veterans' Day, November 11th; Christmas  
Day and Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Gover-  
nor, keep open a place of business to the public, ex-  
cept for works of necessity, emergency or charity.'

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1 Further amend the bill in section 6 in paragraph  
2 I in the first line (page 3, line 26 in L.D.) by  
3 striking out the following: "King" and inserting in  
4 its place the following: 'King, Jr.'

5 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-  
6 tions to read consecutively.

7 Further amend the bill by striking out all of the  
8 emergency clause and inserting in its place the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 'FISCAL NOTE

11 Enactment of this bill will result in increased  
12 costs to the various operating funds of the State due  
13 to the "holiday pay" that will be received by certain  
14 state employees working on Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
15 Day, for example, institutional workers, guards, etc.  
16 The impact to the General Fund will be approximately  
17 \$120,000 to \$150,000, although the actual amount of  
18 money that will have to be appropriated in the future  
19 will vary, based on each department's ability to ab-  
20 sorb the additional holiday pay for their employees.

21 There is an indirect cost, loss of productivity,  
22 resulting from all other state employees receiving an  
23 additional holiday.'

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This amendment removes the emergency preamble and  
26 clause from the bill which are no longer necessary to  
27 the bill. In addition, this amendment makes Martin  
28 Luther King, Jr. Day a state holiday on which most  
29 businesses will be closed. The bill, as currently  
30 written establishes Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a  
31 bank holiday, a court holiday and school holiday, but  
32 not a state holiday.

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1        This amendment also corrects the name of the  
2        state holiday to be consistent with the federal holi-  
3        day designation. This amendment entitles the holi-  
4        day, "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

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