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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 Title and inserting in its place the following:

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'AN ACT to Designate Human Rights Day.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency 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: "Martin Luther King" and inserting in its place the following: 'Human Rights'

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Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 2, lines 38 and 39 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Martin Luther King" and inserting in its place the following: 'Human Rights'

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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 amended by PL 1985, c. 509, is further amended to read:

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No person, firm or corporation may, on the Lord's Day; Human Rights 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;

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1 July 4th; Labor Day, the first Monday of September;  
2 Veterans' Day, November 11th; Christmas Day and  
3 Thanksgiving Day as proclaimed by the Governor, keep  
4 open a place of business to the public, except for  
5 works of necessity, emergency or charity.'

6 Further amend the bill in section 6 in paragraph  
7 I in the first line (page 3, line 26 in L.D.) by  
8 striking out the following: "Martin Luther King" and  
9 inserting in its place the following: 'Human Rights'

10 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-  
11 tions to read consecutively.

12 Further amend the bill by striking out all of the  
13 emergency clause and inserting in its place the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 'FISCAL NOTE

16 Enactment of this amendment will result in in-  
17 creased costs to the various operating funds of the  
18 State due to the "holiday pay" that will be received  
19 by certain state employees working on Human Rights  
20 Day, for example, institutional workers, guards, etc.  
21 The impact to the General Fund will be approximately  
22 \$120,000 to \$150,000, although the actual amount of  
23 money that will have to be appropriated in the future  
24 will vary, based on each department's ability to ab-  
25 sorb the additional holiday pay for their employees.

26 There is an indirect cost, loss of productivity,  
27 resulting from all other state employees receiving an  
28 additional holiday.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           This amendment establishes "Human Rights Day" as  
3 a state holiday. Since Reverand Martin Luther King,  
4 Jr. helped poor people, women and handicapped people,  
5 as well as Blacks throughout the world, it is more  
6 fitting to memorialize and honor human rights. The  
7 Reverand Martin Luther King, Jr. would be honored as  
8 one of several leaders in the human rights movement  
9 to include Medgar Evans, Mahatma Ghandi, Bishop  
10 Luter, Nelson Mandella and others.

11           This amendment makes the holiday consistent with  
12 other state holidays which are not titled after any  
13 individuals and which are not celebrated in honor of  
14 any individuals, except for Christmas.

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