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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
112TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P.
1377, L.D. 1940, "RESOLVE, to Permit Edgar Warren to
Sue the State for Compensation for Injuries Incurred
While He was a Ward of the State."

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of the ti-
tle and inserting in its place the following:

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'RESOLVE, in Favor of Edgar Warren, of Portland,
for Injuries Received While He was a Ward of the
State.'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out every-
thing after the title and inserting in its place the
following:

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'Edgar Warren; reimbursed. Resolved: That there
is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of
\$20,000 to be paid to Edgar Warren, of Portland, as a
full and final settlement of his claim against the
State for injuries he received while he was a ward of
the State.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment will provide compensation to Edgar
Warren for injuries sustained while a ward of the
State.

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The circumstances under which Mr. Warren was in-
jured make this a unique case. Mr. Warren was a ward
of the State, and his injury occurred in part because
he was allegedly placed by the State in a position
which he was not qualified to handle. Mr. Warren fur-
ther alleges that the State failed to pursue actions

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1 which would have established the liability of the
2 person in whose home Mr. Warren was placed. The com-
3 mittee believes that this is a unique set of circum-
4 stances because Mr. Warren's legal guardians were the
5 State. If Mr. Warren had legal guardians other than
6 the State, the circumstances would not be unique and
7 it would have the responsibility of a legal guardian
8 or parent to look after Mr. Warren's health and wel-
9 fare. This resolve shows no legislative favoritism to
10 Mr. Warren to the exclusion of others who are simi-
11 larly situated.

12 The committee further believes that the State has
13 a moral obligation to compensate Mr. Warren, since
14 he was a ward of the State at the time of his injury.

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Reported by the Committee of Conference on L.D. 1940.
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