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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
113TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT " B" to H.P. 547, L.D. 734,
Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize the Increase of the Maxi-
mum Speed Limit to 65 Miles Per Hour."

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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and
before the enacting clause the following:

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'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
lature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, a 55 m.p.h. speed limit was federally
imposed to combat shortages and rising prices during
the threat of the 1973 Arab oil embargo; and

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Whereas, that serious conservation effort accom-
plished its purpose and now should be modified to
meet a more realistic level of compliance for modern
day travel; and

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Whereas, there has been improved technology in
auto safety and highway construction since 1973 so
that Maine motorists can drive safely and comfortably
at 65 m.p.h. on rural interstate highways; and

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Whereas, recent research conducted by the Federal
Highway Administration indicates that the speed of
travel is not the most critical factor in determining
safety on the nation's major thoroughfares; and

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Whereas, there is widespread public contempt for
the present speed limit on rural interstate highways
of this State; and

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Whereas, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1987 per-
mits the speed limit to be raised on the rural inter-
state highways of this State to 65 m.p.h.; and

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency preamble, emergency clause, a fiscal note and to make the fine for traveling in excess of 65 m.p.h. on the Maine Turnpike or interstate system punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.

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Sen. Cahill
SPONSORED BY: Ronald L. Cahill

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