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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 316, L.D. 918,
"Resolve, to Support Dioxin Research by the Bureau of
Health."

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of the
first paragraph and inserting in its place the fol-
lowing:

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'Study required. Resolved: That in order to provide an objective, ongoing source of information to the State's sludge and ash landspreading programs, the Environmental Health Unit of the Bureau of Health in the Department of Human Services shall conduct a study of dioxin contamination and possible biological pathways in the environment. The study shall be designed and conducted in consultation and in conjunction with the Maine Agricultural Experimental Station, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Department of Environmental Protection, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Cobbossee Watershed District and Monmouth town officials. In order to minimize environmental contamination with dioxin, research shall be conducted either: (1) In field plots that are currently being amended with dioxin-contaminated sludge, in which case rates or sludge applications shall not be increased for the purposes of this research above those currently permitted; (2) In impermeable containers set out in a field that shall be removed at the conclusion of the experiment; and (3) In pots maintained in a greenhouse. The objective of the study shall be to investigate the environmental fate of sludge-borne dioxin in terms of the uptake of dioxin by agricultural crops and the persistence of dioxin in soil. Information obtained from this study will be made public and subject to peer review. The Environmental Health Unit shall assess the significance of the

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1 findings in light of environmental and public health
2 concerns over the landspreading of
3 dioxin-contaminated sludge. The unit shall report
4 annually on its progress and shall report its find-
5 ings, together with any recommendations to the Legis-
6 lature, on or before January 1, 1990; and be it fur-
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8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment changes who will conduct the
10 dioxin study and the manner in which the study will
11 be carried out.

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