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STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 991, L.D. 1337,
Bill, "AN ACT to Increase Maine's Sales Tax to 6% and
to use the Funds Generated to Support the University
of Maine System, the Maine Vocational-Technical
Institute System and Immediately Increase the State's
Share of Education Funding to 65%."

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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 Increase the Sales Tax to 6% and to
Use the Funds Generated to Reduce the Burden on
Property Tax from Education.'

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Further amend the Bill by striking out all of
sections 1 and 2.

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Further amend the Bill in section 3 by inserting
at the end the following: 'Sixteen and two-thirds
percent of the sales tax shall be deposited by the
Treasurer of State in a separate account to be used
exclusively for educational block grants. This
percentage shall not be subject to the requirements of
Title 30, section 5055.'

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Further amend the Bill by striking out all of
section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds
are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 991, L.D. 1337

1 the purposes of this Act.

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1988-89

3 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
4 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

5 Educational Reform Grants
6 to Municipalities

7 All Other \$89,973,784

8 Provides for funds to
9 local municipalities
10 to fund educational
11 budgets prorated on a
12 per pupil basis and
13 shall be used solely
14 for the purpose of
15 reducing the property
16 tax bills.'

17 Further amend the Bill by striking out all of
18 sections 6 and 7.

19 Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sections
20 to read consecutively.

21 FISCAL NOTE

22 This amendment raises and appropriates almost
23 \$90,000,000 in fiscal year 1989. Therefore, there is
24 no net fiscal impact to the State.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This amendment would keep a 1% increase in sales
27 tax, but dedicate it to the cities and towns for
28 property tax relief instead of the University of Maine
29 System and the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute
30 System.

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