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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 537, L.D. 1623, Bill, "AN ACT Making Allocations for the Expenditure of Funds Received by the State as a Result of a Federal Court Order in the Stripper Well Overcharge Case."

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Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

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

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Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

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Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of certain state departments will become due and payable immediately; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §962, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

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2-A. Interest subsidies; grants. Provide interest rate subsidies on commercial loans or grants to businesses and nonprofit organizations;

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1	TION		
2	TOTAL	\$	455,000
3	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,</u>		
4	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
5	Bureau of Oil and Haz-		
6	ardous Materials Control		
7	Positions	\$	(2)
8	Personal Services	\$	60,000 (2)
9	Provides funds for		
10	one Senior Geologist		
11	to determine the ex-		
12	tent of ground water		
13	contamination caused		
14	by underground stor-		
15	age tanks which have		
16	leaked. Also pro-		
17	vides funds for one		
18	Environmental Spe-		
19	cialist III to su-		
20	pervise the Under-		
21	ground Storage Tank		
22	Removal Program.		
23	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL		
24	PROTECTION		
25	TOTAL	\$	60,000 \$ 60,000
26	<u>EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT</u>		
27	Office of Energy Re-		
28	sources		
29	Energy Extension Ser-		
30	vice		
31	All Other	\$	350,000
32	Provides funds to		
33	continue the Energy		

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1	Extension Service	
2	Outreach Program for	
3	2 years, by offering	
4	direct assistance to	
5	small businesses,	
6	homeowners and	
7	organizatons in	
8	methods of energy	
9	conservation.	
10	Schools and Hospitals	
11	All Other	300,000
12	Provides funds for	
13	grants to schools	
14	and hospitals quali-	
15	fied under the fed-	
16	eral "Institutional	
17	Conservation Pro-	
18	gram" of which a	
19	portion is to be al-	
20	located to qualified	
21	state-owned schools	
22	and hospitals.	
23	Weatherization Rebates	
24	All Other	750,000
25	Provides funds for a	
26	demonstration pro-	
27	gram to reimburse	
28	homeowners for 50%	
29	of the cost of the	
30	weatherization mate-	
31	rials. Any	
32	homeowner who re-	
33	ceived a	
34	weatherization re-	
35	bate under Public	
36	Law 1985, chapter	

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1	818, shall not be	
2	eligible under this	
3	program. No single	
4	household may re-	
5	ceive more than \$200	
6	in assistance from	
7	this program.	
8	Division of Community	
9	Services	
10	Low-income Home Energy	
11	Assistance	
12	All Other	200,000
13	Provides funds to be	
14	used in the Central	
15	Heating Improvement	
16	Program (CHIP) for	
17	grants to repair or	
18	replace dangerous,	
19	inefficient or inop-	
20	erative heating sys-	
21	tems for eligible	
22	low-income house-	
23	holds.	
24	Energy and	
25	Weatherization	
26	All Other	\$ 75,000
27	Provides funds to be	
28	used to support	
29	weatherization	
30	projects in	
31	Piscataquis and	
32	Penobscot Counties	
33	through Penquis CAP.	
34	State Planning Office	

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1	All Other	50,000	
2	Provides funds for		
3	Maine's share of the		
4	funding for a New		
5	England Governors'		
6	Conference 3-year		
7	study of the		
8	region's electric		
9	power needs, includ-		
10	ing the assurance of		
11	cost-effective elec-		
12	tricity supplies,		
13	transmission-related		
14	issues, conserva-		
15	tion, load manage-		
16	ment and		
17	cogeneration options		
18	and NEPOOL rules and		
19	utility interaction.		
20	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT		
21	TOTAL	<u>\$1,650,000</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
22	<u>FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE</u>		
23	Commercial and Govern-		
24	mental Underground Tank		
25	Removal and Replacement		
26	Program		
27	All Other	\$1,000,000	
28	Provides interest		
29	rate subsidies to		
30	businesses and local		
31	units of government		
32	to remove and re-		
33	place leaking under-		
34	ground oil storage		
35	tanks. Tanks must		
36	be integral parts of		

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1	building heating	
2	systems. Priority	
3	shall be given to	
4	those underground	
5	oil storage tanks	
6	identified by the	
7	Department of Envi-	
8	ronmental Protection	
9	as posing an immedi-	
10	ate environmental	
11	threat. Any use of	
12	these funds for re-	
13	placement purposes	
14	shall be limited to	
15	above-ground tanks.	
16	The Finance Authori-	
17	ty of Maine and the	
18	Department of Envi-	
19	ronmental Protection	
20	shall promote this	
21	program using avail-	
22	able resources.	
23	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE	
24	TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
25	<u>MAINE STATE HOUSING</u>	
26	<u>AUTHORITY</u>	
27	Residential Underground	
28	Tank Removal and Re-	
29	placement Program	
30	All Other	\$2,500,000
31	Provides \$1,500,000	
32	for grants to be	
33	made exclusively to	
34	persons whose gross	
35	family income does	
36	not exceed 150% of	
37	the state poverty	

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1 income standard for
2 a family of 4 to re-
3 move leaking under-
4 ground oil storage
5 tanks. Tanks must
6 be integral parts of
7 building heating
8 systems. Any funds
9 remaining for this
10 purpose 12 months
11 after the effective
12 date of this Act may
13 be used for grants
14 or interest rate
15 subsidies regardless
16 of income.

17 It also provides
18 \$1,000,000 for in-
19 terest rate subsi-
20 dies or grants to
21 homeowners seeking
22 to remove leaking
23 underground oil
24 storage tanks.
25 Tanks must be inte-
26 gral parts of build-
27 ing heating systems.

28 Priority in both
29 categories shall be
30 given to those un-
31 derground oil stor-
32 age tanks identified
33 by the Departmental
34 of Environmental
35 Protection as posing
36 an immediate envi-
37 ronmental threat.
38 Any use of these
39 funds for replace-
40 ment purposes shall

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1	be limited to above-	
2	ground tanks. The	
3	Maine State Housing	
4	Authority and the	
5	Department of Pro-	
6	tection shall pro-	
7	mote this program	
8	using available re-	
9	sources.	
10	MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHOR-	
11	ITY	
12	TOTAL	<u>\$2,500,000</u>
13	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT</u>	
14	<u>OF</u>	
15	Bureau of Maine's Elder-	
16	ly	
17	All Other	\$500,000
18	Provides funds to be	
19	distributed through	
20	the various area	
21	agencies for aging	
22	to those elderly	
23	persons needing	
24	weatherization as-	
25	sistance whose	
26	household income is	
27	\$13,400 or less per	
28	year. The bureau	
29	shall develop a sim-	
30	ple form for	
31	self-declaration of	
32	income. This demon-	
33	stration program	
34	shall reimburse	
35	homeowners for 50%	
36	of the cost of	
37	weatherization mate-	

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1	rials. No single	
2	household may re-	
3	ceive more than \$500	
4	in assistance from	
5	this program and the	
6	area agencies may	
7	contract with local	
8	groups to provide	
9	service.	
10	Bureau of Maine's Elder-	
11	ly	
12	Elder Ride Share Pilot	
13	Program	
14	All Other	\$ 50,000
15	Provides funds to	
16	develop an Elder	
17	Ride Share Pilot	
18	Program. This pilot	
19	program will provide	
20	funds, not to exceed	
21	\$30 a month per in-	
22	dividual, for gaso-	
23	line to volunteer	
24	elder drivers who	
25	provide transporta-	
26	tion to other	
27	seniors for services	
28	such as shopping,	
29	church, medical ap-	
30	pointments, meal	
31	sites and other	
32	trips necessary to	
33	maintain independ-	
34	ence.	
35	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SER-	
36	VICES	
37	TOTAL	\$ 550,000

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1 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$6,215,000 \$ 135,000

2 **Sec. 4. Allowance for state administration pur-**
3 **poses.** An allowance for the use of funds allotted in
4 this Act, not to exceed 5% of the funds allocated to
5 each agency, shall be available to each of the agen-
6 cies funded under this Act.

7 **Sec. 5. Unexpended balances carried forward.**
8 Any unexpended balances of allocations made from this
9 fund on June 30, 1988, shall not lapse, but shall
10 carry through June 30, 1989, to be used for the same
11 purposes. The Governor, through the Office of Energy
12 Resources, shall report annually to the Legislature,
13 beginning on December 1, 1987, as to the progress on
14 the expenditures of funds and to recommendations for
15 the reallocation of funds.

16 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
17 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
18 proved.'

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The purpose of this amendment is to make alloca-
21 tions from the Stripper Well Fund for the fiscal
22 years ending June 30, 1988, and June 30, 1989.

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