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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 358, L.D. 478, "Resolve,  
Requiring the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to  
Study Textbooks in Schools and School Libraries of the State"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the title and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Resolve, Requiring the Department of Educational and  
Cultural Services to Conduct a Study of School  
Textbooks and Libraries'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after  
the emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Study of school books and school libraries. Resolved: That  
the Department of Educational and Cultural Services shall study  
or contract with other appropriate agencies or institutions for  
the study of the following:

1. School books;

A. The extent to which sexist, racist language and  
depictions, including ethnic and cultural stereotypes, are  
used in public school textbooks; and

B. The historical accuracy of public school textbooks,  
whether textbooks reflect current knowledge in the field and  
whether textbooks in use are of appropriate quality for use  
in public schools; and

2. School libraries;

A. The quality of and extent to which public school library  
services, including library media staff, are available to  
local school systems, students and faculty;

B. Whether school library collections, including printed and nonprinted materials and data bases, are sufficient to support school curricula with current, high-quality resources which are adequately broad in scope; and

C. The extent to which library services, through community public libraries, are available to public school libraries; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Conduct of study. Resolved:** That in conducting or coordinating the study, the department shall take into account the results of research in textbook content by current national research groups and shall consult and collaborate with affected interested parties and groups in the State. The department may arrange to use the work of volunteers in conducting the study; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Educational and Cultural Services submit its findings, recommendations and any necessary accompanying legislation to the Legislature by December 1, 1990; and be it further

**Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purpose of this resolve.

1989-90

**EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Reader and Information Services - Library**

All Other \$36,000

Provides funds to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for contract services to coordinate and conduct the library and textbook studies required by this resolve. Any unexpended funds as of June 30, 1990, shall carry forward to June 30, 1991.'

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