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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 443, L.D. 608, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Price Farmers Receive for Milk"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

7 MRS A §2963 is enacted to read:

§2963. Transportation allowance study

The Legislature finds that historically the commission has allowed a deduction in the price paid to producers for Class II milk sold by Maine dealers to federally regulated plants. This transportation allowance has remained constant while the ability to transport milk and the shipping and sales practices of dealers have changed. In order to further understanding of the transportation allowance the commission shall:

1. Original intent. Examine the original intent of the transportation allowance;
2. Current practice. Determine whether the transportation allowance is being applied in situations other than those originally intended;
3. Finding. Determine whether the transportation allowance should be applied to transfers of milk that are ordinary business practice or are recurring transactions;
4. Adopt changes. Adopt any necessary amendments to ensure that the transportation allowance is only being applied with the intent that existed when the allowance was originally adopted; and
5. Report. Report its findings, any actions taken by the commission and any recommendations for legislation by March 1, 1990, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

1 jurisdiction over agricultural matters. The committee may
2 introduce any legislation necessary to address the findings or
3 actions of the commission.

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FISCAL NOTE

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9 It is anticipated that all costs associated with this bill
10 would be absorbed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and
11 Rural Resources, the Maine Milk Commission, utilizing existing
resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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18 This amendment replaces the original bill and directs the
19 Maine Milk Commission to study the original intent and the
20 current use of the transportation allowance charged to producers
21 for Class II milk sold by Maine dealers to federally regulated
plants when the supply is in excess of the Class I and Class II
needs of the Maine dealer.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture
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