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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 844, L.D. 1176, Bill, "An Act to Adapt the Maine Milk Pool Law to Potential Changes in Milk Pricing"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2954, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Adjustments for changes in costs of production. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the commission may only adjust minimum prices to reflect changes in costs of production after posting notice of rulemaking in accordance with Title 5, section 8053. The commission may not adjust any minimum price to reflect changes in costs of production under the emergency rule-making provisions of Title 5, section 8054.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

It is anticipated that any additional costs associated with this bill such as rulemaking would be absorbed by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine Milk Commission, utilizing existing resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment ensures that any cost-of-production change to the minimum price for milk will occur only after notice of rulemaking. The committee wanted to make sure that milk

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- 1 commission decisions affecting the blend price and decisions
- affecting cost-of-production increases remained separate issues
- 3 and that cost-of-production decisions would be considered only
- when all parties had an opportunity for input.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture
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