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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 948, L.D. 1316, Bill, "An Act for the Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing in Maine"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, current law preserving rental housing for low-income households will expire on August 1, 1989; and

Whereas, 2,000 rental units will be at risk in 1990 and 18,000 units will be at risk over the next decade; and

Whereas, no new federally subsidized low-income rental units have been constructed since 1984 while, at the same time, the number of low-income households has increased significantly; and

Whereas, it is necessary to preserve as many of these low-income rental units as possible for low-income households; and

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, '

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

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Enactment of this bill may result in additional costs to the
Maine State Housing Authority. These costs can be absorbed
within existing resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency
clause to the bill in order for the bill to take effect before
the current law expires on August 1, 1989. The amendment also
adds a fiscal note.

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