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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 471,
L.D. 665, Bill, "An Act Concerning Prevailing Wages Established
by the Department of Labor"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the
title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place
the following:

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

'Sec. 1. Prevailing wage law study. The Department of Labor,
Bureau of Labor Standards shall conduct a study of alternative
ways of revising the prevailing wage laws as established by the
Maine Revised Statutes; Title 26, chapter 15 so that the value of
fringe benefits provided by the employer may be considered in the
calculation of the prevailing wage. As part of the study the
bureau shall compare the procedures used under the state
prevailing wage laws with those used under the federal
Davis-Bacon Act, 40 United States Code, Section 276a. The bureau
shall determine whether administrative savings can be realized by
using the local data compiled by the United States Department of
Labor as the basis for determining the prevailing wage under
state law, while not compromising the purposes of the state law.
In addition, the bureau shall consider the scope and impact of
the law, verification and enforcement activities, occupational
classifications, possible alternate funding sources and other
appropriate issues.

The Bureau of Labor Standards shall make a preliminary
report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over labor matters by July 1, 1992 on the progress
of the study. A final report must be submitted to the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
labor matters by January 31, 1993 on the findings and recommended
actions.

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FISCAL NOTE

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6 The Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor
will incur some additional costs to study alternative ways of
revising the prevailing wage laws. These costs can be absorbed
8 within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.' '

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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14 The original bill required that wages paid on public works
projects be at least equivalent to wages paid on federal
Davis-Bacon projects. This amendment replaces the original bill
16 and orders the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to
conduct a study on alternative ways of amending the state
18 prevailing wage laws so that the value of fringe benefits may be
considered in the calculation of the prevailing wage. The bureau
20 is required to submit a final report to the Joint Standing
Committee on Labor by January 31, 1993.

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