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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 945, L.D. 2409, Bill, "An Act to Improve Educational Public Broadcasting Statewide"

Amend the bill in section 2 in the 2nd paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", among others,"

Further* amend the bill in section 2 in the 2nd paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 2nd paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Colby College" the following: '; and not fewer than 8 nor more than 12 public trustees elected by the board in the manner prescribed in the corporation's bylaws'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Personnel. The transferee corporation shall protect certain rights of Maine Public Broadcasting Network employees covered by collective bargaining agreements as of March 1, 1992 as follows.

For those Maine Public Broadcasting Network employees who were employed on March 1, 1992 and who are employed on June 30, 1992, each individual must be offered an individual employment contract by the transferee corporation at the employee's fiscal year 1991-92 salary for a period of one year beginning July 1, 1992. Unless the employee voluntarily leaves the position or is subject to termination for cause, the transferee corporation shall pay the balance of the employee's annual salary for the year ending June 30, 1993 if the employee is laid off. The transferee corporation shall offer this group of employees a

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2 benefit package, including health insurance, retirement benefits,
Federal Insurance Contributions Act benefits, workers'
4 compensation insurance, disability insurance, or other benefits
6 that the transferee corporation's board of trustees approves
equal to at least a value of 20% of the annual salaries and wages
of that employee group.

8 For those Maine Public Broadcasting Network employees who
10 were employed on March 1, 1992 and who are not employed on June
30, 1992 and who have not left their positions voluntarily or
12 been terminated for cause, the transferee corporation shall offer
those individuals any vacant positions within their job
14 classifications that are filled prior to June 30, 1993.'

16 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and
inserting in its place the following:

18 'Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
20 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1992-93

22 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM,
24 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

26 Maine Public Broadcasting Network

28 All Other (\$80,258)

30 Deappropriates funds not needed.

32 Maine Public Broadcasting Network

34 All Other \$80,258

36 Provides funds for the construction of a
38 radio transmitter to serve the St. John
Valley.

40 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
42 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
44 TOTAL

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

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

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FISCAL NOTE

4 This bill limits the funding for the new public broadcasting
6 corporation to certain costs, including construction and
8 maintenance, and includes a General Fund deappropriation of
10 \$80,258 in fiscal year 1992-93 to the University of Maine System
12 for operating costs no longer needed. The bill reappropriates
14 those savings to the University of Maine System to be used for
16 the construction of a radio transmitter to serve the St. John
18 Valley. The amount of the deappropriation and subsequent
20 reappropriation may require adjustment depending on the fiscal
22 year 1992-93 budget enacted by the Legislature.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This amendment clarifies that the University of Maine System
20 may transfer the assets of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network,
22 or MPBN, to the transferee corporation only if the corporation
24 has a board of trustees that includes between 8 and 12 public
26 trustees elected by the board in the manner prescribed in the
28 corporation's bylaws.

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26 The amendment requires the transferee corporation to offer
28 one-year individual employment contracts at fiscal year 1991-92
30 salary levels to MPBN employees who were employed on March 1,
32 1992 and who are employed on June 30, 1992. It guarantees that,
34 unless employees in that group voluntarily leave their employment
36 or are terminated for cause, the transferee corporation shall pay
the balance of the employee's annual salary for fiscal year
1992-93 if the employee is laid off. It also guarantees that,
the transferee corporation will offer that group of employees a
benefit package equal to at least 20% of the group's annual
salaries and wages.

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38 The amendment requires that, for fiscal year 1992-93, the
40 transferee corporation shall offer vacant positions within an
42 employee's job classification to MPBN employees who lose their
44 jobs between March 1, 1992 and June 30, 1992 unless they have
46 left their position voluntarily or been terminated for cause.

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44 The amendment adds an appropriation section that provides
46 \$80,258 as a portion of the state match needed to build a radio
transmitter to serve the St. John Valley.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by Senator Estes for the Committee on Education.
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