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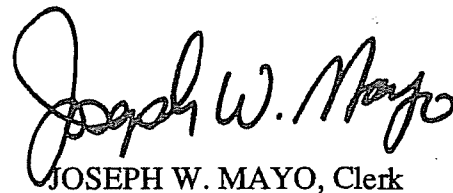
No. 600

H.P. 463

House of Representatives, February 23, 1993

**An Act to Authorize the Experimental Use of Video Telecommunication
for Arraignment.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, CARROLL of Gray, FITZPATRICK of
Durham, HILLOCK of Gorham, HOGLUND of Portland, JOHNSON of South Portland,
LARRIVEE of Gorham, Senator: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §815 is enacted to read:

6 **§815. Arraignment by video telecommunication**

8 A person accused of a Class A, B or C crime who is held in
10 custody may be arraigned by the use of video communication or by
making a personal appearance in open court as prescribed by Rule
10 of the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure.

12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

14 This bill permits arraignment by video communication for
16 persons held in custody for Class A, B and C crimes. The purpose
18 of this bill is to lessen the need for transportation between the
20 jail and the courthouse, to alleviate safety issues that arise
due to transportation, and to expedite the accused's initial
appearance.