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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 591,
L.D. 806, Bill, "An Act to Extend the Maine Dairy Farm
Stabilization Act"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented
paragraph the following:

'Further amend the bill by inserting 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, it is vitally important that this legislation be
enacted as an emergency measure in order to ensure the financial
well-being of Maine's dairy industry; 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 amendment by inserting after section 1 the
following:

'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §2954, sub-§14, as amended by PL 1993, c. 104,
§1, is further amended to read:

14. **Effective date of certain prices.** Any new minimum
wholesale prices paid to dealers and new minimum retail prices
established pursuant to this section are effective on the ~~first~~
~~Sunday of the calendar~~ Sunday closest to the first day of the
month.

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2 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4542, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 526,
3 §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **7. Tax period.** "Tax period" means the period beginning on
5 the Sunday closest to the first day of the month and continuing
6 through the Saturday prior to the Sunday closest to the first day
7 of the subsequent month.

10 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §4543, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 526,
11 §4, is amended to read:

12 **2. Rate.** The rate of the tax levied under this chapter is
13 established for each tax period on the basis of the basic price
14 of milk in effect on the first-day Sunday following the first
15 Sunday of the tax period in accordance with the following chart:

Basic Price	Rate of Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Tax
\$16.00 per hundredweight and above	0¢ per quart
\$15.50 to \$15.99 per hundredweight	1¢ per quart
\$15.00 to \$15.49 per hundredweight	2¢ per quart
\$14.50 to \$14.99 per hundredweight	3¢ per quart
\$14.00 to \$14.49 per hundredweight	4¢ per quart
below \$14.00 per hundredweight	5¢ per quart

30 For any container other than a quart, the tax is computed on
31 a quart equivalent basis.'

32 Further amend the amendment by inserting before the fiscal
33 note the following:

36 '**Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends
37 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4544, subsection 2,
38 paragraph A takes effect July 4, 1993.

40 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
41 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved, except as
42 otherwise indicated.'

44 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to
read consecutively.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment changes the date on which the Maine Dairy Stabilization Tax is imposed to correlate with minimum milk pricing laws and makes the bill an emergency measure.

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