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SENATE 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. This subsection is repealed on November 7, 1993.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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§4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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

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

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

18 Basic Price	Rate of Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Tax
22 \$16.00 per hundredweight and above	0¢ per quart
24 \$15.50 to \$15.99 per hundredweight	1¢ per quart
\$15.00 to \$15.49 per hundredweight	2¢ per quart
26 \$14.50 to \$14.99 per hundredweight	3¢ per quart
\$14.00 to \$14.49 per hundredweight	4¢ per quart
28 below \$14.00 per hundredweight	5¢ per quart

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

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

36 '**Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that amends
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
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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L.D. 806

2 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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

10 (Senator PARADIS)
12 SPONSORED BY: Judy Paradis

14 COUNTY: Aroostook

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