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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 604,
L.D. 819, Bill, "An Act to Ensure a Woman's Right to Know"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

Sec. 4. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor the enactment of a law that requires a health care practitioner to provide and offer a woman certain information regarding pregnancy and abortion at the time a pregnancy test is performed?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Act takes effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

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2 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

4 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to
6 read consecutively.

8 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14		1993-94	1994-95
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16 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

18	General Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000
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20 The estimated cost of sending this question out to
referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda
22 enacted during the First Regular Session of the 116th
Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one
24 to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional
referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

26 If approved by the voters, the Department of Human Services
28 will require General Fund appropriations of \$40,000 annually in
fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95 in order to reproduce and
30 distribute the geographically indexed service information to all
health care providers.'

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This amendment adds a referendum clause to the committee
amendment, requiring a statewide vote in November on whether the
38 bill should become law. This amendment replaces the fiscal note
to the amendment.

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