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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 704, L.D. 1901, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Appropriate Secular Observance of Religious Holidays in Maine Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Clarify the Appropriate Acknowledgement of Religious Holidays in Maine Schools'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4805, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Religious holidays. A public school may acknowledge religious holidays in some manner or form permissible under the United States Constitution.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment is the minority report. The amendment states that religious holidays may be acknowledged in public schools under some circumstances permitted by the United States Constitution. To determine whether a particular acknowledgement is constitutional, school officials are directed by the amendment to look to the United States Constitution and the relevant interpretive cases of the United States Supreme Court for guidance.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT