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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1021, L.D. 1436, "Resolve, to Preserve the Dairy Industry in the State"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members, as follows:

1. Five Legislators, at least 2 of whom must be members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

2. The following 8 members, appointed by the Governor:

A. One representative of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;

B. One dairy farmer who supplies the Maine market;

C. One dairy farmer who supplies the Boston market;

D. One dairy farmer who supplies the co-op market;

E. One representative of a milk processing operation;

F. One representative of a bank or firm that provides farm financing, with expertise in the milk industry;

G. One representative from the Department of Economic and Community Development; and

2 H. One representative of a company or firm that supplies
dairy farmers with equipment or feed, or both; and be it
further'

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6 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 2 (page
2, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

8 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 3 in
the last line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the
10 following: "farmers." and inserting in its place the following:
'farmers; and'

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14 Further amend the resolve in section 4 by inserting after
subsection 3 the following:

16 '4. Any other topics the commission by majority vote
determines relevant to its study.'

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20 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the last indented
paragraph in the 1st and 2nd lines (page 2, lines 16 and 17 in
L.D.) by striking out the following: "may meet up to 6 times, and"

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24 Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the next to the
last line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "November" and inserting in its place the following:
26 'December'

28 Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the 2nd line (page
2, line 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$5,000" and
30 inserting in its place the following: '\$8,000'

32 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 9
and inserting in its place the following:

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36 '**Sec. 9. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
allocated from Other Special Revenue funds .to carry out the
purposes of this resolve.

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40 1995-96

42 **AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL
RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

44 **Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund**

46 All Other \$10,000

48 Allocates funds to be paid to the Northeast
Interstate Dairy Compact committee, a
50 Vermont nonprofit corporation, for the

2 purpose of encouraging approval by the
3 United States Congress of the Northeast
4 Interstate Dairy Compact.

6 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
7 FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES
8 TOTAL** \$10,000

10 **LEGISLATURE**

12 **Commission to Study Options for
13 Preserving the Dairy Industry in
14 the State**

16 Personal Services \$3,630
17 All Other 4,370

18 Provides funds to the Commission to Study
19 Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in
20 the State for the per diem of legislative
21 members, expenses of all members and
22 miscellaneous commission expenses.

24 **LEGISLATURE**
26 **TOTAL** \$8,000

28 **TOTAL ALLOCATION** \$18,000'

30 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
31 statement of fact the following:

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

36 **1995-96**

38 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

40 Other Funds \$18,000

42 The bill includes an Other Special Revenue allocation of
43 \$8,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 to the Legislature for the per diem
44 and expenses of members of the Commission to Study Options for
45 Preserving the Dairy Industry in the State. Funding is available
46 through a transfer from the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund.
47 In addition, the bill includes another Other Special Revenue
48 allocation of \$10,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and

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2 Rural Resources to pay for the services of a private entity to
encourage approval of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

4 The additional costs to provide staffing assistance to the
commission can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing
6 budgeted resources.

8 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
incur some minor additional costs to provide assistance and data
10 to the commission. These costs can be absorbed within the
department's existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment increases the number of members of the
Commission to Study Options for Preserving the Dairy Industry in
18 the State from 5 to 13 members. It also specifies the
commission's membership.

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22 The amendment also allows the commission to study any
relevant topic upon a majority vote of the commission. It
changes the reporting date from November 15, 1995 to December 15,
24 1995. The amendment also increases from \$5,000 to \$8,000 the
amount of money to be transferred from the Maine Dairy Farm
26 Stabilization Fund to the Legislature for the purpose of funding
the study.

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30 The amendment provides \$10,000 to the Northeast Interstate
Dairy Compact committee for the purpose of encouraging approval
by the United State Congress of the Northeast Interstate Dairy
32 Compact.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.