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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1050, L.D. 1469, Bill, "An Act to Reinstate the Maine Meat Inspection Act"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to Research the Reinstatement of a State-operated Meat Inspection Program'

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

'Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That, contingent upon the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources receiving a General Fund appropriation to research the reinstatement of a state-operated meat inspection program in this State, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters by March 15, 1997 on the following:

1. Development for custom slaughterhouses in this State of a hazard analysis critical control point manual that complies with United States Department of Agriculture standards;

2. Development of legislation to establish a hazard analysis critical control point program for meat inspection in this State;

3. Negotiations with the United States Department of Agriculture to establish a hazard analysis critical control point pilot project for meat inspection in this State; and

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2 4. Creation of a meat inspection advisory committee to
oversee technical assistance to slaughterhouses that wish to
participate in such a hazard analysis critical control point
4 pilot project; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
8 this resolve.

10 **1996-97**

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

14 **Marketing Services**

16 All Other \$20,000

18 Appropriates funds to research the
20 reinstatement of a state-operated meat
inspection program and to initiate a meat
22 inspection pilot project.'

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

26 **FISCAL NOTE**

28 **1996-97**

30 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

32 General Fund \$20,000

34 This resolve includes a General Fund appropriation of
36 \$20,000 in fiscal year 1996-97 for the Department of Agriculture,
38 Food and Rural Resources to research the reinstatement of a
state-operated meat inspection program and to initiate a meat
40 inspection pilot project.'

42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 This amendment replaces the bill and makes it a resolve. It
46 provides the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
a \$20,000 General Fund appropriation to research establishment of
48 a state-operated meat inspection program and initiate a pilot
project under an inspection process known as "hazard analysis
50 critical control point." Contingent upon the Department of

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2 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources receiving the
3 appropriation, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural
4 Resources must report by March 15, 1997 on the department's
5 progress.

6 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.