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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 761, "Joint Order to Amend the Joint Rules"

Amend the Joint Order by striking Rule 301 and inserting in its place the following:

Rule 301. Joint Standing Committee Responsibilities and Jurisdiction.

Joint standing committees are formed to assist the Legislature in the performance of its constitutional duties and are vested with the general authority granted in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 165 and certain other specific authority granted from time to time by the Legislature. The responsibilities of joint standing committees include, but are not limited to:

1. Pending Legislation. Considering and reporting to both chambers on legislation pending before the Legislature;

2. Budget and Fiscal Policy Issues. Reviewing and making recommendations on budgeting and fiscal policy issues concerning State Government;

3. Actions of Departments and Agencies. Conducting oversight and review of the actions of departments and agencies of State Government, including, but not limited to, review of agency rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapters II and II-A and agency evaluations under the State Government Evaluation Act;

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2 4. Gubernatorial Appointments. Reviewing and making  
recommendations on gubernatorial appointments that require  
legislative confirmation under Title 3, chapter 6; and

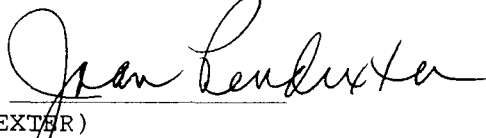
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6 5. Other Tasks. Performing other tasks assigned to them,  
including, but not limited to, reviewing specific provisions of  
law, conducting studies on assigned topics, issuing reports on  
8 policy and legal issues of interest to the Legislature, reporting  
out specific legislation pursuant to joint order and authorizing  
10 the annual budgets of certain counties.

12 As authorized by Title 3, section 165, there are 17 joint  
standing committees, which must be appointed at the commencement  
14 of the first regular session and which exercise jurisdiction in  
the following areas:

- 16 Agriculture, conservation and forestry
- 18 Appropriations and financial affairs
- Banking and insurance
- 20 Business and economic development
- Criminal justice
- 22 Education and cultural affairs
- Health and human services
- 24 Inland fisheries and wildlife
- Judiciary
- 26 Labor
- Legal and veterans affairs
- 28 Marine resources
- Natural resources
- 30 State and local government
- Taxation
- 32 Transportation
- Utilities and energy'

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This amendment changes the name of the Human Resources  
Committee to the Health and Human Services Committee.

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42 SPONSORED BY:   
44 (Senator PENDEXTER)

46 COUNTY: Cumberland

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