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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 184, L.D. 237, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Funding for School Construction"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. State share of debt service costs for school construction. It is the intent of the Legislature that the state share of the school construction debt service costs, as biennially established by the Legislature pursuant to the debt service limits authorized in section 15905, must be supported by General Fund appropriations beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in Table 1 by striking out the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 25 and 26 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'1999	\$ 69,000,000
2000	\$ 72,000,000'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph A in Table 1 by inserting at the end the following:

'2001	\$ 74,000,000'
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Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 184, L.D. 237

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 Increasing the debt service limit from \$70,000,000 in fiscal
year 1999-2000 to \$72,000,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and
\$74,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 will result in additional
10 General Fund debt service costs to the Department of Education,
General Purpose Aid to Local Schools program. If additional
12 General Fund appropriations, estimated to be \$1,400,000 in fiscal
year 1999-2000 and \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 are not
14 provided, funds that would otherwise have been provided to school
administrative units for school operations will be shifted to pay
16 for these additional debt service costs.'

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SUMMARY

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22 This amendment requires that the state share of the school
construction debt service costs, as biennially established by the
Legislature, must be supported by General Fund appropriations
24 beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000. This amendment also
increases the debt service limit for fiscal years 1999-2000 and
26 2000-01 to \$72,000,000 and \$74,000,000, respectively. Finally,
this amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT