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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 607, L.D. 832, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Unfunded Portion of the School Cost for the Development of the Poland High School Project to be Funded in 1997 and 1998"

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

'An Act Concerning the Construction Costs of the Poland High/Middle School'

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

'Sec. 1. Debt service requirement for Poland High/Middle School; exemption from State Board of Education approval. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 1998-99, as the maximum debt service limit described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15905 is increased from \$67,000,000 to \$69,000,000, the Poland High/Middle School construction project must receive additional approval of up to \$566,000 upon written notice to the State Board of Education by the Town of Poland. This incremental amount, up to \$566,000, must be then included in debt service payments for subsidy purposes. Any amount up to \$566,000 received by the Town of Poland must be over and above the \$18,000,000 already approved by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 2. Contingent repeal. Section 1 of this Act is repealed on June 30, 1999 if the Town of Poland has not submitted written notice to the State Board of Education by that date concerning an increase in their debt service for subsidy purposes.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 This bill increases the amount of debt service costs
attributable to the Town of Poland's middle school and high
10 school project. The bill does not include additional General
Fund appropriations for these increased costs. As a result,
12 funds within the debt service portion of the General Purpose Aid
to Local Schools account within the Department of Education may
14 be shifted from other approved school construction projects to
pay for this project.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The Town of
22 Poland has received approval by the State Board of Education for
a new high/middle school in the amount of \$18,000,000 for debt
24 service subsidy purposes. The State Board of Education
recognized a total project cost of \$19,781,100 in their
26 certificate of concept approval.

28 The amendment authorizes the Town of Poland to receive
approval for up to \$566,000 in additional construction project
30 costs for subsidy purposes from the incremental \$2,000,000
increase in the maximum debt service limit that takes effect in
32 state fiscal year 1998-99.