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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 988, L.D. 1368, "Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Develop a Single Payment System for State and Federal Taxes for Small Businesses"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first 9 indented paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 23 to 46 and page 2, lines 1 to 10 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

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'Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 5 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following members:

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1. Two representatives from the Bureau of Taxation, who must have expertise in the areas of state income and sales taxation, appointed by the Governor;

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2. One representative from the State's Department of Labor, appointed by the Governor;

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3. Three representatives from the business community, representing different geographic locations in the State, appointed by the Governor;

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4. Two members of the House of Representatives, one of whom represents the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

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5. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

The Governor shall also seek 2 representatives from the Internal Revenue Service to be members of the task force; and be it further ' '

Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of the 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs (page 2, lines 12 to 41 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the members of the task force who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the task force upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses. Other members are not entitled to reimbursement of expenses; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its report, which must include a plan to implement a single-form filing and payment system for state and federal taxes for use by small businesses, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later than January 1, 1998. If the task force requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

Sec. 8. Meetings. Resolved: That the task force may meet up to 4 times; and be it further

Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

LEGISLATURE

**Task Force on State and Federal
Tax Filing**

Personal Services	\$660
All Other	1,100

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the

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L.D. 1368

Task Force on State and
Federal Tax Filing.

**LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$1,760''

FISCAL NOTE

The amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill. General Fund appropriations are reduced by \$565 and \$2,790 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, leaving a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1997-98 only of \$1,760.

The amendment also limits the staffing responsibility of the Legislature by requiring that the study be completed during the interim between sessions.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the reporting date, specifies the number of meetings and that legislative members only receive per diem and reimbursement for expenses and revises the appropriation section.

The amendment also incorporates the language from House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A."

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