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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1310, L.D. 1858, Bill, "An Act Directing the Department of Transportation to Conduct the Necessary Studies and to Construct an East-west Highway"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting in its place the following: 'Subject to the availability of funds appropriated, allocated or raised specifically for the purpose of constructing an east-west highway, the'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting in its place the following: 'Subject to the availability of funds appropriated, allocated or raised specifically for the purpose of constructing an east-west highway, the'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to construct an east-west highway subject to the availability of funds appropriated, allocated or raised specifically for this purpose. The current cost to construct and provide signage for a new 4-lane highway from the Canadian border to the New Hampshire border is estimated at approximately \$957,000,000. There are no funds appropriated or allocated for this purpose in this bill.

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2 L.D. 1840, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the
amount of \$25,000,000 for Development of the East-West Highway "
4 which, if approved by the Legislature and the voters, would
provide partial funding for this highway.

6 Once funding does become available, the Department of
Transportation will also incur significant additional maintenance
8 costs for this new highway.'

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SUMMARY

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The amendment is the minority report. It clarifies that any
construction of an east-west highway or installation of signs for
14 that highway is subject to available funds raised specifically
for that purpose. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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