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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 781, L.D. 2108, Bill, "An Act to Have a Referendum on Whether or Not an Independent Public Commission Should be Established to Set Legislative Pay"

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Amend the amendment on page 5 in the 5th indented paragraph in the first line (page 5, line 20 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "report." the following: 'The commission shall conduct 4 working meetings beginning in 1999 and every 4th year thereafter, 2 of which must be held by July 1st and 2 between October 1st and December 31st. The commission shall hold 3 public hearings in different geographic areas of the State in order to equally facilitate comment by residents of northern, central and southern Maine. These hearings must be held between July 1st and October 1st beginning in 1999 and every 4th year thereafter.'

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Further amend the amendment on page 5 in the 5th indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 5, line 21 in amendment) by striking out the following: "March 1, 2000" and inserting in its place the following: 'January 15, 2000'

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Further amend the amendment on page 5 in the 5th indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 5, line 21 in amendment) by striking out after the following: "thereafter" the following: 'L'

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Further amend the amendment on page 5 in the 5th indented paragraph in the 3rd, 4th and 5th lines (page 5, lines 22 to 24 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters"

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to S.P. 781, L.D. 2108

Further amend the amendment on page 5 by inserting after the
5th indented paragraph the following:

'Further amend the bill in section 3 in the part designated
"§2-C." in subsection 4 by striking out all of paragraph B (page
2, lines 8 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the
following:

'B. The recommendations of the commission for all regular
and special sessions and nonsession periods of the next
Legislature concerning compensation of Legislators and
representatives of the Indian tribes, including, but not
limited to, all payments for salaries, meals, housing,
travel, mileage, constituent services, correspondence and
all other expenses, allowances and benefits and additional
service as President of the Senate, as Speaker of the House
or as a member of leadership. In reaching these
recommendations, the commission shall consider all of the
responsibilities performed by Legislators both in and out of
legislative sessions. Those responsibilities include, but
are not limited to, preparation and review of legislation,
committee work, community meetings and meetings of various
boards and commissions and constituent work;'

Further amend the amendment on page 5 in the 7th indented
paragraph in the 10th and 11th lines (page 5, lines 39 and 40 in
amendment) by striking out the following: "which must be
tabled pending the report pursuant to paragraph B" and inserting
in its place the following: 'to the Senate and House of
Representatives'

Further amend the amendment on page 5 in the 7th indented
paragraph by striking out all of paragraphs A and B (page 5,
lines 42 to 50 and page 6, lines 1 and 2 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment on page 6 by striking out all of
section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

LEGISLATURE

Legislative Compensation Commission

Personal Services

\$550

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to S.P. 781, L.D. 2108

All Other 750

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of the members of the Legislative
Compensation Commission.

**LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$1,300'

Further amend the amendment on pages 6 and 7 by striking out
all of the fiscal note (page 6, lines 45 to 49 and page 7, lines
2 to 23 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

1998-99

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$1,300

The Legislature will require an additional General Fund
appropriation of \$1,300 in fiscal year 1998-99 and every fourth
odd-numbered fiscal year thereafter for the per diem and expenses
of members of the Legislative Compensation Commission. Beginning
in fiscal year 1999-2000 and every fourth even-numbered fiscal
year thereafter, the cost will be approximately \$6,125 to provide
funding for three public hearings and for printing costs of the
required report. The additional costs associated with providing
staffing assistance to the commission can be absorbed by the
Legislature during any interim between sessions utilizing
existing budgeted resources. If the commission requests staffing
assistance during a legislative session, the Legislature may
require additional General Fund appropriations for contracted
staff services.

The bill requires that a joint order be presented to approve
the compensation recommendations of the commission. The future
costs of any salary increases that will be included in a joint
order and the impact of these salary increases on the
Legislature's budget can not be determined at this time.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the report of the committee of
conference, does the following.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to S.P. 781, L.D. 2108

2 1. It requires the Legislative Compensation Commission to
hold 3 public hearings throughout the State and 4 working
4 meetings based on a specific time line.

6 2. It changes the date the commission reports to January
15, 2000.

8 3. It removes the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government
10 matters from the process. The commission shall hold public
hearings and work meetings then issue its report to the
12 Legislative Council, which shall introduce the recommendations in
a joint order.

14 4. It specifies what the commission must consider when
16 determining pay and benefits for work in and out of session.

CONFERENCE AMENDMENT