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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "I" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 454, L.D. 617, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part TTT the following:

PART UUU

Sec. UUU-1. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-P is enacted to read:

1-P. Transfer from Maine Rainy Day Fund; legislative roll calls available on Internet. Notwithstanding subsection 2 and section 1585, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 may be transferred from the available balance in the Maine Rainy Day Fund to the Legislature program in the Legislature, upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor, to be used to place all roll calls of both houses of the Legislature on the Internet.

Sec. UUU-2. Legislative roll calls available on Internet. By the beginning of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature, the Legislative Council shall develop and implement a plan to place all roll calls of both houses of the Legislature on the Internet within one hour of the roll call.

Sec. UUU-3. Legislative costs; roll calls. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Legislature absorb \$5,000 of the costs of placing all roll calls on the Internet within one hour of the roll call.'

2 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
4 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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8 **FISCAL NOTE**


10 This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
12 appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
for fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year 2000-01.

14 The Legislature will incur some minor additional costs to
16 develop and implement a plan to place legislative roll calls on
the Internet. These costs can be absorbed within the
Legislature's existing budgeted resources.

18 Whether the level of funding identified in this amendment is
20 sufficient to cover the costs of placing all roll calls of both
houses of the Legislature on the Internet within one hour of the
roll call can not be determined at this time.

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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment requires the Legislative Council to develop a
28 plan that places all roll call votes of the Senate and the House
of Representatives on the Internet within one hour of the roll
30 call. The plan is required to be in place by the beginning of
the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The plan is
32 funded by \$5,000 each from the Rainy Day Fund and the legislative
budget.

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38 SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative MACK)

40 TOWN: Standish
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