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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 619, L.D. 859, Bill, "An Act to Require that the State Planning Office Report to the Committee on State and Local Government"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Legislature" and inserting in its place the following: 'Senate'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in the last 2 lines (page 1, line 44 and 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~The director shall be paid a salary fixed by the Governor.~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'The director shall is entitled to be paid a salary fixed by the Governor.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of the amending clause (page 1, lines 47 and 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§3, ¶I, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. DD, §7, is further amended to read:'

Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 2, lines 1 to 5 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph I in the first line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~Governor and to~~" and inserting in its place the following: 'Governor and to the'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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The State Planning Office will incur some minor additional costs to make reports at least annually to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the office's existing budgeted resources. The office also will incur some minor additional costs in fiscal year 2000-01 as a result of the earlier review of the office under the State Government Evaluation Act.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The amendment amends the original bill by requiring that the Senate, rather than the entire Legislature, confirm the appointment of the Director of the State Planning Office. The amendment also retains the current requirement that the Governor fix the director's salary. It also removes a requirement from the original bill that the Director of the State Planning Office advise the Legislature on policy matters. The amendment also retains a requirement in current law that the director report annually to the Governor and it removes a requirement that the director report annually to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on allocations to an expenditures by the State Planning Office. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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