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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 789, L.D. 2201, "Resolve, to Establish the John H. Reed-Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title and before section 1 the following:

**'Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Seeds of Peace International Camp, located in Otisfield, Maine, helps to secure peace in the Middle East by bringing together Arab and Israeli youth in a neutral, supportive learning environment where they can learn to understand and respect each other's differences and find common ground for reconciliation; and

**Whereas,** the Seeds of Peace International Camp has graduated more than 1,000 Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian, Jordanian, Moroccan, Tunisian and Qatari teenagers since its founding in 1993; and

**Whereas,** Maine youth have been an essential ingredient to the success of the Seeds of Peace International Camp by serving as hosts for their Middle Eastern peers, by facilitating the building of friendships between Arab and Israeli campers and by serving as ambassadors of Maine to these visitors to our State; and

Whereas, financial support is necessary to permit the continued involvement of Maine youth to serve as hosts for the expanding numbers of Middle Eastern campers who will participate in the Seeds of Peace International Camp during the summer of 1999 and the coming years; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "summer" the following: '. The Department of Education shall develop a process to select fellowship recipients'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

1999-00 2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$37,500 \$37,500

This resolve includes General Fund appropriations of \$37,500 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of Education to capitalize the John H. Reed - Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship. No funding for this program is currently included in the Governor's proposed "Part 2" budget.

The additional costs associated with developing a fellowship selection process and administering the program can be absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve so that peace fellowship funds will be

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2 available for the 1999 summer camp. The amendment also clarifies  
that the Department of Education will develop a process to select  
4 fellowship recipients.

This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.