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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 889, L.D. 2308, "Resolve, to Provide Adequate Reimbursement for Speech and Language Pathologists"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Study Reimbursement Rates for Health Care Providers under the Medicaid Program'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Study of reimbursement rates. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall study reimbursement rates for providers of health care services under the Medicaid program. The department shall convene meetings of providers, consumers and other interested persons and shall notify Legislators on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services of all meetings. The study must include consideration of usual and customary rates, percentages of patients for whom reimbursement is paid by the Medicaid program, reimbursement rate history and availability of services for patients. The department shall report its findings and recommendations for increases, including suggestions for a periodic method for making adjustments in the future, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2001.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
additional costs to study the reimbursement rates for providers
of health care services under the Medicaid program. These costs
10 can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Health and Human Services. It amends the resolve to
18 change the title to a study. It amends the resolve to delete the
directive to increase fees and calls for a study of reimbursement
20 rates under the Medicaid program for all providers of health care
services. It requires a report to the joint standing committee
22 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
services matters by January 1, 2001. It adds a fiscal note.