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16	SENATE AMENDMENT " $m{\beta}$ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1755, L.D. 2461, "Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study and Establish Moral Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State"		
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20	Amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented paragraph and new title the following: 'Further amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:		
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26	' Whereas, Maine is a state that upholds the dignity of every human being, promotes basic human rights and supports social and		
28	economic justice; and		
30	Whereas, Maine is a state that believes employers should fairly compensate hard work, that the health and safety of working people should be protected and that all forms of unlawful discrimination and abuse should not be tolerated; and		
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34	Whereas many of the garments	currently produced for Maine	
36	Whereas, many of the garments currently produced for Maine markets are manufactured in sweatshops characterized by poverty wages, forced overtime, child labor, an unsafe and unhealthy workplace and often abusive working conditions; and		
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40	Whereas, established international standards for the ethical manufacture of clothes are routinely viclated by many apparel makers who supply our State's retail stores; and		
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44	Whereas, sweatshops have been cause of job loss and depressed w		
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2 Whereas, citizens who shop in Maine have a right to expect that items for sale are produced under conditions consistent with 4 our State's values; and

6 Whereas, Maine can make a significant contribution to the campaigns against sweatshop manufacturing of clothing by 8 supporting the enforcement of established ethical codes of corporate conduct; and

Whereas, there exists widespread popular support in Maine for the principle that purchases and investments by the State ought to be made under ethical conditions of production; now, therefore, be it' '

16 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 7th to 9th indented paragraphs after the title (page 2, lines 3 to 16 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

20 'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the subject of economically and socially just policies for investment 24 and purchasing by the State. In examining the issue of 26 economically and socially just policies for investments and purchasing, the commission shall evaluate the policies in other states. In its report, the commission shall propose standards 28 concerning companies that do business with the State and 30 companies invested in by the State. The commission shall consider such factors as child labor and exploitation of workers unhealthy conditions. The commission 32 under shall make recommendations with regard to whether the State should do business with and invest in companies that oppress or mistreat 34 their workers. The commission shall identify the possible positive and negative impact of proposed policies on Maine 36 workers, Maine small businesses and Maine taxpayers; and be it further'' 38

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the duties as amended by Committee 44 Amendment "A" of the Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State 46 by requiring the commission to propose standards concerning companies doing business with the State considering such factors 48 as child labor and exploitation of workers under unhealthy conditions and to make recommendations as to whether the State 50 should do business with businesses that oppress or mistreat their

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workers. This amendment also removes the duty that the
commission consider such factors as exploitation of workers and
frequency of Occupational Safety and Health Administration
violations by Maine workers.

This amendment also adds a preamble to the resolve.

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