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119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1802, L.D. 2529, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Moscow Water District"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "Sec. 10." in the 10th to 12th lines (page 1, lines 14 to 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", unless the district obtains approval of the voters of the district for a higher debt limit pursuant to this section"

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by inserting before the following: "In order" the following: 'Notwithstanding the debt limit established pursuant to the first paragraph of this section, the district may establish a higher debt limit in accordance with the following.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Referendum; effective date. This Act takes effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature except that section 1 of this Act takes effect only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Moscow Water District at a special or regular town meeting or election held prior to January 1, 2001. The election must be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, except that the registrar of voters is not required to prepare or the clerk to post a new list of voters. For the purpose of registration of voters, the registrar of voters must be in session on the secular day preceding the election. The subject matter of this Act is reduced to the following question:

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2 "Do you favor increasing the debt limit of the Moscow Water
District from \$20,000 to \$1,800,000?"

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6 The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed
against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

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10 The results must be declared by the municipal officers of
the Town of Moscow and due certificate of the results filed by
the clerk with the Secretary of State.

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14 Section 1 of this Act takes effect for all purposes
immediately upon its approval by a majority of the legal voters
voting at the election. Failure to achieve the necessary
approval in any referendum does not prohibit subsequent referenda
consistent with this section, provided the referenda are held
prior to January 1, 2001.'

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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment subjects the provision of the bill which
increases the debt limit of the Moscow Water District to approval
in a district referendum.

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