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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 265, L.D. 912, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Harness Racing Laws to Provide for Staggered Terms"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, the Harness Racing Promotional Board is important to the harness racing industry; and

Whereas, continuity is important to the functioning of the Harness Racing Promotional Board; and

Whereas, changes in statutory provisions are needed to allow staggered terms for members of the board; 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,'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 'Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §261-A, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1997, c. 527,
§1 and c. 528, §5, is further amended to read:

4 6. Chair. The Governor shall appoint one of the 5
commission members ~~who has no industry affiliation~~ as chair. The
6 chair serves at the pleasure of the Governor.'

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

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

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16 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment provides for the Governor to continue to
20 appoint the chair of the State Harness Racing Commission. It
removes the stipulation that the chair must be without an
industry affiliation.