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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 451, L.D. 1505, Bill, "An Act to Streamline the Administration of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund"

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 efficient administration of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund enhances the benefits of the program; and

Whereas, the changes in administration proposed by this Act can most expeditiously be implemented at the beginning of the next fiscal year; 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 inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect July 1, 2001.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The bill includes Other Special Revenue funds allocations
which reflect a shift in the manner in which the Potato Marketing
Improvement Fund is administered. There is no net impact to the
10 Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

12 The additional costs associated with administering a certain
fund can be absorbed by the Finance Authority of Maine utilizing
14 existing budgeted resources.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency
clause to the bill. It provides for an effective date of July 1,
2001. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.