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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 504, L.D. 1591, Bill, "An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage, to Expand the Tax Credit for Health Benefits Paid by a Small Business and to Increase the Earned Income Credit"

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

'An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305, §1, is amended to read:

1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is \$4.25 \$5.15 per hour. Starting January 1, 2002, the minimum hourly wage is \$5.75 per hour. Starting January 1, 2003, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.25 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of \$4.25-per-hour the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage must-be under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed \$5.15-per-hour the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1.00 per hour.

Sec. 2. Regulation of employment poster. The Department of Labor shall include notice of the change in the minimum wage in its next reprinting of the regulation of employment poster.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment provides for an increase in the state minimum
8 wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.75 per hour beginning January 1,
10 2002 and to \$6.25 per hour beginning January 1, 2003. The
12 amendment also retains language in current law providing that the
state minimum wage increases to conform to any increases in the
federal minimum wage, up to a maximum of \$1.00 per hour above the
specified state minimum. It deletes the section of the bill
providing a tax credit for employers who provide health benefits
and the section that increased the earned income credit.