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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1581, L.D. 2086, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Education Funding Reform Committee"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 14 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 14. Legislative duties. During the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters shall report out revenue neutral legislation designed to increase the sales tax on meals and lodging from 7% to 8%, to expand the 5% sales tax to cover selected sales of services not currently subject to the tax and to address the progressivity of the income tax. The legislation must generate the additional revenue necessary to provide adequate funding for public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15658-A and otherwise be revenue neutral by returning to taxpayers any revenue generated in excess of the education funding obligation of the taxpayers of the State either by increasing the individual income tax standard deduction, reducing the individual income tax rates or reducing the general sales tax rate or any combination thereof.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment requires the legislation submitted by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters, once the additional revenue necessary to

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

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