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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1664, L.D. 2169, Bill, "An
Act to Ensure Proper Disbursement of Matching Funds under the
Maine Clean Election Act"

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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and
before section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§3-B, ¶B, as corrected by RR
2001, c. 1, §25, is amended to read:

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B. A nonparticipating candidate with a Maine Clean Election
Act opponent shall file the following additional reports
detailing the candidate's total campaign contributions,
obligations and expenditures to date, unless that candidate
signs an affidavit by the date the report is due, attesting
that the candidate has not received, spent or obligated an
amount sufficient to require a report under paragraph A:

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(1) A report filed not later than 5 p.m. on the 42nd
day before the date on which an election is held and
complete as of the 49th 44th day before that date;

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(2) A report filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 21st
day before the date on which an election is held and
complete as of the 28th 23rd day before that date; and

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(3) A report filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 12th
day before the date on which an election is held and
complete as of the 19th 14th day before that date.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in the
4th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
4 "28th" and inserting in its place the following: '14th'

6 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
8 consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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14 The amendment amends the accelerated reporting schedule for
traditionally funded candidates who have received or spent 101%
of the amount disbursed to their opponents who are financed by
16 the Maine Clean Election Act. As amended, the 42nd day report
will reflect activity through the 44th day prior to election day,
18 the 21st day report will reflect activity through the 23rd day
prior to election day and the 12th day report will reflect
20 activity through the 14th day prior to election day. The
amendment also changes the date of the report requirement from
22 beginning on the 28th day prior to election day to begin the 14th
day prior to election day.