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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 552, "Joint Study Order To Study the Implementation of the Privatization of the State's Wholesale Liquor Business"

Amend the order by striking out everything from the first indented paragraph to the end and inserting in its place the following:

'ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Committee to Study the Implementation of the Privatization of the State's Wholesale Liquor Business is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Committee to Study the Implementation of the Privatization of the State's Wholesale Liquor Business, referred to in this order as "the committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of the following 9 members:

A. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and 2 of whom serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs; and

B. Five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2 of whom serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and 2 of whom serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs.

3. Committee chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the committee and the first-named member of the House is the House chair of the committee.

SENATE AMENDMENT

2 **4. Appointments; convening of committee.** All appointments
must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this
4 order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have
6 been made. When the appointment of all members has been
completed, the chairs of the committee shall call and convene the
8 first meeting of the committee, which must be no later than
August 15, 2003.

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12 **5. Duties.** The committee may hold up to 3 meetings, which
must be held in Augusta. The committee shall gather information
and request necessary data from public and private entities in
14 order to review the progress of the implementation of the
privatization of the State's wholesale liquor business. In
16 conducting its study, the committee shall specifically:

18 A. Review the bidding process by which the State will lease
the wholesale liquor distribution rights to a private
20 distributor; and

22 B. Explore issues associated with the responsibility for
enforcement of the laws governing the manufacture,
24 importation, storage and sale of all liquor and with
administering the laws relating to licensing and the
26 collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine.

28 **6. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative
Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
30 necessary staffing services to the committee.

32 **7. Compensation.** Members of the committee are entitled to
receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel and
34 other necessary expenses related to their attendance at
authorized meetings of the committee.

36 **8. Report.** No later than December 3, 2003, the committee
38 shall submit a report that includes its findings and
recommendations, including suggested legislation, for
40 presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st
Legislature. The committee is authorized to introduce a bill
42 related to its report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st
Legislature at the time of submission of its report.

44 **9. Extension.** If the committee requires a limited
46 extension of time to complete its study and make its report, it
may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant an
48 extension. Upon submission of its required report, the task
force terminates.

