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12	FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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14	SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
16	913, L.D. 1315, Bill, "An Act To Permit Recording Proceedings of
	the Legislature"
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	Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first
20	paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 22 to 30 in amendment)
22	and inserting in its place the following:
22	'Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of
24	subsection 20 (page 1, lines 28 to 33 in L.D.) and inserting in
	its place the following:
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	'20. Recording of legislative proceedings. To equip the
28	chambers and legislative committee hearing rooms with cameras and
20	recording equipment to make a visual and audio record of
30	legislative sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives and legislative committee hearings. Use of the cameras and
32	recording equipment in each chamber is subject to the rules of
~-	that chamber. The records, stored electronically, must be
34	maintained by the Law and Legislative Reference Library and made
	available to the public. The Legislative Council also may use the
36	cameras and recording equipment to provide Internet broadcasts of
	legislative sessions, subject to the rules of each chamber being
38	broadcast, and legislative hearings. The Legislative Council
40	shall determine copyright and procedures for the recording, broadcast, rebroadcast and redistribution of legislative sessions
4 0	and legislative committee hearings, including prohibitions
42	against use for political statements as prescribed in Title 21-A,
	section 1004, subsection 5.'

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 913, L.D. 1315

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "\$170-B." in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 41 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "chambers" the following: 'and legislative committee hearing rooms'

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Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 4th indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 42 to 44 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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'The Legislative Council may equip the legislative chambers with cameras and recording equipment and, subject to the rules of the Senate and the rules of the House of Representatives, commence recording or broadcasting legislative proceedings of the Senate and the House as sufficient funds become available in the fund. The Legislative Council may equip the legislative committee hearing rooms with cameras and commence recording or broadcasting legislative hearings as sufficient funds become available in the fund.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment allows the Legislative Council to equip the chambers of the Senate and House of Representatives with cameras and recording equipment but authorizes the use within each chamber only when in conformity with the rules of that chamber. This amendment also provides authority to the Legislative Council to equip the legislative committee hearing rooms with cameras and recording equipment.

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SPONSORED BY:

34 (Senator GAGNON)

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COUNTY: Kennebec

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Permit Recording Proceedings of the Legislature

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment 'A'

Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The projected additional set up costs to allow the use of cameras, and the recording and broadcasting of legislative hearings in 15 committee rooms are estimated to be \$278,100 and the additional annual operating costs are estimated to be \$41,000. These costs can only be incurred if sufficient funds are raised through outside funding.