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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 583, L.D. 795, "RESOLUTION, Proposing
9 an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to Food"

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Amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitution, Art. I, §25" by striking
11 out all of Section 25 and inserting the following:

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'Section 25. Right to food. All individuals have a natural, inherent and
13 unalienable right to food, including the right to grow, raise, harvest, produce, process,
14 prepare, preserve and consume the food of their own choosing, to save and exchange
15 seeds and to barter, trade or purchase food from the sources of their own choosing, for
16 their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being, as long as an individual
17 does not commit trespassing, theft, poaching or other abuses of private property rights,
18 public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of food.'

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Amend the resolution in the question in the 2nd line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by
20 striking out the following: "acquire,"

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SUMMARY

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This amendment amends the bill by:

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1. Removing the word "acquire" from the enumeration of the elements of an
24 individual's right to food and removing the language limiting the exercise of acquisition;

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2. Removing language establishing a fundamental right to be free from hunger,
26 starvation and the endangerment of life due to scarcity of or lack of access to food; and

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3. Specifying that the right to food does not allow an individual to abuse private
28 property rights or abuse public lands or natural resources in the harvesting of food.

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