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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 99th LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 131, L. D. 189, Resolve, Creating a Tax Policy Advisory Committee.

Amend said Resolve by striking out all of the title and inserting in place thereof the following title:

'Resolve, Providing that the Legislative Research Committee Study the State and Municipal Tax Structure of the State.'

Amend said Resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting in place thereof the following:

Legislative Research Committee authorized to study State and municipal tax structure of the State. Resolved: That the Legislative Research Committee be authorized to study and review the State and municipal tax structure of this State to determine the most equitable tax sources which can be utilized to finance expenditures of the State and municipalities.

Said committee shall have authority to employ such expert and professional advisors and such clerical and office personnel as its judgment may determine within the limits of the funds provided.

The committee's report shall contain recommendations for legislation believed necessary to correct any inequalities in existing methods of procuring state and municipal tax revenue. Such report shall contain a separate study of the taxation of property in the unorganized areas of the State and the taxation of railroad companies operating wholly or partially within the State with recommendations with respect thereto, if any; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund and that any balance of this fund as of June 30, 1960 shall not lapse but be carried forward into the 1960-61 year to be used for the same purposes.'

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

Read and Adopted in the Senate May 21, 1959.

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