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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1083, L.D. 1629, “An Act to Require Legislative Committees to Provide Equal Time to Each Member of the Public Who Testifies”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Testimony before committees. During a public hearing, each member of the public providing testimony before the committee must be allowed the same amount of time to testify. Once a public hearing has begun, the amount of time set for the first member of the public providing testimony must be allowed for each following member of the public providing testimony until the conclusion of the hearing.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that once a public hearing has begun, the amount of time set for the first member of the public providing testimony must be allowed for each following member of the public providing testimony until the conclusion of the hearing.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT