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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 349, L.D. 1088, “An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Own Property To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Allow Nonresident Property Tax Payers To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues'

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

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2524, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

A. All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before that person is recognized by the moderator. A person who is not a voter in the town or a property tax payer in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.

(1) If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.'

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, allows all nonresident property tax payers of a municipality to speak at a town meeting.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT