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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 36, L.D. 50, Bill, "An Act to Make Additional Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999"

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

'An Act to Make Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses will become due and payable prior to July 1, 1999; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 matters by February 1st each year on the amount of funds
transferred and the uses of those funds for community development.

4 **PART H**

6 **Sec. H-1. 21-A MRSA §1124, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by IB 1995,
c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

8 C. Revenue from a tax checkoff program allowing a resident
10 of the State who files a tax return with the State Tax
Assessor to designate that \$3 be paid into the fund. If a
12 husband and wife file a joint return, each spouse may
designate that \$3 be paid. ~~The amounts designated for the~~
14 ~~fund must be appropriated from the General Fund and credited~~
~~to the fund~~ State Tax Assessor shall report annually the
16 amounts designated for the fund to the State Controller, who
shall transfer that amount to the fund;

18 **PART I**

20 **Sec. I-1. PL 1997, c. 449, §2** is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 2. Calculation and transfer.** Notwithstanding the Maine
24 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, or any other provision
of law, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount that
26 will remain on June 30, 1999 in all lapsing General Fund accounts
and apply against each affected account the amount of the savings
28 identified in section 3 and shall transfer the calculated amounts
by financial order. These transfers are to be considered
30 adjustments to appropriations. The State Budget Officer shall
provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
32 jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs with a
report of the transferred amounts no later than ~~May-15, 1999~~ June
34 30, 1999.

36 **PART J**

38 **Sec. J-1. PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. BB, §1, first ¶** is amended to read:

40 **Sec. BB-1. Study.** The Commissioner of Transportation shall
study and develop a west-east highway in the State. The
42 commissioner shall make a preliminary report to the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
44 transportation matters by January 1, 1999 and a final report by
~~March-15, July 1, 1999~~ on matters including, but not limited to:

46 **Sec. J-2. PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. BB, §3** is amended to read:
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2	TOTAL	29,532,415
4	Other Special Revenue Fund	
6	PART A, Section A-3	2,494,753
8	PART B, Section B-4	103,672
10	PART K, Section K-2	(27,504)
12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
14	TOTAL	2,570,921
16	Federal Block Grant Fund	
18	PART A, Section A-4	5,598,622
20	PART B, Section B-5	0
22	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	
24	TOTAL	5,598,622
26	Central Motor Pool	
28	PART B, Section B-6	2,376
30	CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	
32	TOTAL	2,376
34	Alcoholic Beverage Fund	
36	PART A, Section A-5	200,000
38	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	
40	TOTAL	200,000

SUMMARY

This committee amendment replaces the bill and does the following:

PART A

Part A does the following:

1. Makes supplemental appropriations from the General Fund;
2. Makes supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund;

2 2. Authorizes transfers from the Salary Plan program in the
4 Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the
Judicial Department;

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PART G

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10 Part G amends the law by which funds may be transferred to
the Community Development Fund - Children in the Department of
12 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services;

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PART H

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18 Part H amends the law establishing the Maine Clean Election
Fund to allow revenue from a \$3 tax checkoff program to be
transferred by the State Controller to the fund, rather than
20 receiving General Fund appropriations by the Legislature;

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PART I

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26 Part I amends the law specifying the date by which the State
Budget Officer shall calculate and transfer \$949,000 in
28 anticipated fiscal year 1998-99 General Fund lapsed balances from
May 15, 1999 to June 30, 1999;

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PART J

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34 Part J postpones until July 1, 1999 the dates by which the
Department of Transportation and the State Planning Office must
submit their final reports to the Legislature pertaining to the
36 development and economic impact of a west-east highway in Maine;

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PART K

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Part K does the following:

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44 1. Appropriates \$27,504 from the General Fund in fiscal
year 1998-99 to transfer 1 1/2 positions in the Division of Plant
Industry from Other Special Revenue; and

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48 2. Appropriates \$10,000 from the General Fund in fiscal
year 1998-99 to the Seed Potato Board for a bin piler machine;