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S.P. 243

In Senate, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Align
Telecommunications Carrier Access Rates with Costs to Foster
Economic Development and Competition throughout the State.**

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7101-B is enacted to read:**

6 **§7101-B. Access rates**

8 By December 31, 1997, the commission shall establish access
10 rates that promote economic development and interexchange carrier
12 competition and that are based on the forward looking economic
14 cost of providing the service. For purposes of this section,
16 "access rates" means the rates that an interexchange carrier pays
18 for access to a local exchange carrier's facilities and services
20 in order to provide interexchange service in the State.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission, by
26 December 31, 1997, to establish interexchange access rates that
28 are based on the forward looking economic cost of providing the
30 service.