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306 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE AUGUSTA SANITARY DISTRICT Sproul Hickey Paradis Bustin ENACT. P&S 17 (OTPA)

SUMMARY: Would have made it a Class E crime (\$500 fine or 6 months imprisonment) to violate the district charter or regulations, or place offensive or injurious matter in the sewer system, or willfully injure any part of the system. Continues the assessment of double damages for willful injury as at present.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-56) conformed the penalty provision to the standard approach taken for sanitary districts in Title 38, section 1161 where the Class E crime is only injuring the system or placing offensive matter in it.

403 AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT ON SAFETY PROBLEMS BY NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS J. Martin Soule J. Mitchell Pearson OTP-ND (LD 1484)

SUMMARY: Would modify 35 MRSa §3341 by making safety reports go to the PUC rather than the State Library (a copy will still go to Civil Emergency Preparedness). The report will have to include unresolved design, construction and operation problems, in addition to safety incidents as at present. And, civil penalty of \$1000 per day for non-compliance would have been added.

404 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE HALLOWELL WATER DISTRICT P. Reeves Bustin ENACT. P&S 11 (OTP)

SUMMARY: Makes it a Class E crime (\$500 or 6 months) and assesses double damages for discharge of injurious matter into the sewer. This is related to the implementation of the industrial pre-treatment program. U.S. EPA requires penalties for such discharges, which can harm the treatment plant and pollute the water.

405 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE WINTHROP WATER DISTRICT Davis Dow ENACT. P&S 12 (OTP)

SUMMARY: Makes it a Class E crime (\$500 or 6 months) and assesses double damages for discharge of injurious matter into the sewer. This is related to the implementation of the industrial pre-treatment program. U.S. EPA requires penalties for such discharges, which can harm the treatment plant and pollute the water.