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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "C " to H.P. 1361, L.D. 1663, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Termination of Utility Service."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'35 MRSA §314 is enacted to read:

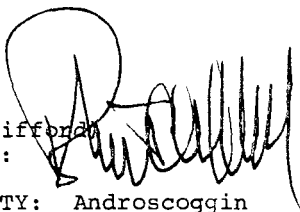
§314. Termination of utility services

The Public Utilities Commission shall adopt and promulgate
reasonable after hearing
4 regulations/concerning the termination or disconnection of any
customer's service by/^{an}electric, gas, water or telephone utility
of the State. These regulations shall apply generally to all such
utilities within the commission's jurisdiction and shall provide
for adequate written notice by such utility to the customer that
his utility bill has not been paid, and a notice of his prospective
termination or disconnection and his right, prior to disconnection,
to enter into reasonable installment payment arrangements with such
utility company; to settle any dispute concerning the proposed
disconnection at an informal hearing with such utility company;
and to appeal the results of such utility company's decision to
the Public Utility Commission. The regulations shall also
provide that there may be no termination or disconnection during
a limited medical emergency and for a just and reasonable
procedure regarding reconnections of utility service and deposit
requirements.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require the Public Utilities Commission to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to termination of utility service by public utilities, to clarify the authority of the commission to regulate such termination and to allow the commission flexibility not possible if provisions concerning termination were set out in detail by statute.

(Clifford)
NAME:



COUNTY: Androscoggin

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