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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 167

H. P. 133

House of Representatives, January 26, 1977

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to Use a Modified
Procedure in Considering Certain Contract Carrier Permits.**

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

35 MRSA § 1555, sub-§ 3, first and 2nd sentences are repealed and the following enacted in their places :

No application for a permit shall be granted by the commission until after a hearing, except that the commission need not require a hearing on any application if, within 15 days of giving notice as required herein, the commission receives no objection to granting the permit. No permit shall be granted if the commission finds that the proposed operation of any contract carrier will be contrary to the declaration of policy of this chapter and chapter 95, or otherwise will not be consistent with the public interest, or will impair the efficient public service of any authorized common carrier or will interfere with the use of the highways by the public. The commission shall give notice of all applications for permits, in such manner and to such persons, firms and corporations as it deems necessary. When a hearing is required by this section or when the commission orders a hearing in its discretion, notice of the hearing shall be given to all persons, firms and corporations who seek to be parties in the proceedings at least 7 days prior to the time fixed for hearing.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the Public Utilities Commission to decide uncontroversial contract carrier cases without holding a hearing. Under present law a hearing is mandatory.