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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 284, L.D. 897, Bill,
"AN ACT Concerning the Charter of the Newport Water District."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause
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 Newport Water District charter requires the
water district to acquire the Maine Water Company by July 1, 1977;
and

Whereas, the Newport Water District has only recently entered
into negotiations with the Maine Water Company for acquisition
of the company; and

Whereas, the negotiations are expected to continue beyond
the July 1, 1977, deadline; 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, '

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end, before the
statement of fact, the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to provide an emergency and emergency clause preamble/to the bill in order to prevent the expiration of the Newport Water District charter. Without the emergency preamble and emergency clause, ✓this bill will not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature which will occur after July 1, 1977, deadline in the present charter. This amendment will enable the Newport Water District to continue its existence.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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