

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION (Filing No. H-255)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 836, L.D. 1009, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Operating Expenses of Public Utilities."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of that part designated "<u>§51-A.</u>" and inserting in its place the following:

'§51-A. Limitations on rates

The following expenses, whether paid directly or indirectly, through reimbursement or otherwise, incurred by a public utility shall not be included or incorporated in operating expenses:

1. Contributions to political groups or candidates. Contributions or gifts to political candidates, political parties, political or legislative committees or to any committees or organizations working to influence referendum petitions or elections.'

## Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to permit public utilities to present testimony to legislative committees and to include these expenses in the operating expenses of utilities.

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

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