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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 894,
L.D. 1159, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the Price and
Availability of Radio Paging Services."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2
and replacing it with the following:

'Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §15, sub-§13-A is enacted to
read:

13-A. Radio paging service. "Radio paging service" is a service provided by a communication common carrier engaged in rendering signaling communications. Signaling communication is one-way communication from a base station to a mobile or fixed receiver, or to multipoint mobile or fixed receivers by audible or subaudible means, for the purpose of activating a signaling device in the receiver or communicating information to the receiver, whether or not the information is to be retained in record form. It is limited to the following types of communications.

A. An optical readout paging service consists of a communication of a message to a receiver which displays the message on an optical or tactical readout, either in a permanent form or a temporary form.

B. A tone only paging service is designed to activate an aural, visual or tactile signaling device when received.

C. A tone/voice paging service is one on which a tone is transmitted to activate a signaling device and audio circuit in the addressed

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1 receiver, following which a voice-grade signal is
2 transmitted, to be amplified by the audio
3 circuitry.

4 Any public utility which operates a radio paging ser-
5 vice shall either maintain a separate set of account-
6 ing records with respect to that service or establish
7 a separate subsidiary, the creation of which shall be
8 subject to commission approval and conditions under
9 section 104, subsection 3-A. The commissioner may
10 exempt a public utility from this requirement for
11 good cause shown.

12 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 3
13 and 4.

14 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-
15 tions to read consecutively.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This amendment clarifies that radio paging is
18 one-way communication. It requires any public util-
19 ity involved in radio paging to keep separate books,
20 but allows the Public Utilities Commission to waive
21 that requirement for good cause, for example a very
22 small company.

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