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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2071

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7 S.P. 763

In Senate, February 13, 1984

8 Reference to the Committee on Public Utilities is suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
Rule 26.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Vose of Eastport, Representative Weymouth
of West Gardiner and Representative Ridley of Shapleigh.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Limit the Authority of the
18 Public Utilities Commission to Award
19 Compensation to Intervenors.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 35 MRS A §19 is enacted to read:

24 §19. Funding of intervenors by the commission

25 Notwithstanding sections 3, 4 and 313, the com-
26 mission shall not order compensation of intervenors
27 by any utility except as authorized by this section.
28 Compensation of intervenors may be ordered only to
29 the extent that compensation is specifically required
30 by the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of
31 1978, United States Constitution, Chapter 16, Section
32 2601, et. seq.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The bill prohibits the Public Utilities Commis-
3 sion from ordering reimbursement to intervenors for
4 their expenses in participating in cases before the
5 commission. The Public Utilities Commission recently
6 made such an award to an intervenor. It is
7 preferable to use existing channels: The Public
8 Utilities Commission staff and the Public Advocate to
9 represent the interests of the public at large while
10 intervenors continue to represent their own interest
11 at their own expense. An exception is provided for
12 cases where the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies
13 Act requires compensation for costs of participation
14 or intervention.

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