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L.D. 730

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 284, L.D. 730, Bill, "An Act Making Appropriations from the General Fund for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990, and June 30, 1991"

Amend the amendment in Part A in section 3 by striking out all of subsection 8 and inserting in its place the following:

'8. Public Advocate assessment. Every utility subject to assessment pursuant to this section shall be subject to an additional assessment on its intrastate gross operating revenues to produce no more than \$189,000 in revenues in fiscal year 1989-90. The Public Advocate shall develop a method for accounting for staff time within the Office of Public Advocate. All professional and support staff shall account for such time in such a way as to identify the percentage of time that is devoted to public utility regulation and the percentage of time that is devoted to other duties that may be required by law. The revenues produced from this assessment shall be transferred to the account of the Office of Public Advocate and shall be used by the Public Advocate solely for the purpose of representing the using and consuming public in accordance with chapter 17. These funds shall be raised by the Public Utilities Commission and accounted for by the Public Advocate in accordance with the provision of this section in a separate Public Advocate Regulatory Fund. The assessments charged to utilities under this subsection shall be deemed just and reasonable operating costs for rate-making purposes.

This assessment shall sunset on June 30, 1990. Any additional resources that may be required shall be from the General Fund.'

Further amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of section 13 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 13. Allocation of the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund.
Income to the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund for the

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L.D. 730

1 fiscal year from July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1990, shall be
2 segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the
3 following schedule:

5 1989-90

7 **Office of Public Advocate**

9	Positions	(4)
	Personal Services	\$115,000
11	All Other	74,000

13 Allocates funds from the
14 Public Advocate Regulatory
15 Fund.

17	OFFICE OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE	
	TOTAL	<u>\$189,000'</u>

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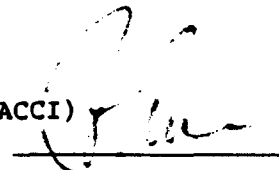
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STATEMENT OF FACT

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25 The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the additional
26 utility assessment in fiscal year 1990-91, the corresponding
27 allocation of that assessment and to require the Public Advocate
28 to determine the amount of time that office spends on utility
29 regulation matters.

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33 (Senator BALDACCI)
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