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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to "JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES OLYMPIA SNOWE AND THOMAS ANDREWS TO BECOME COSPONSORS OF HOUSE REPORT 3392, THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1993"

Amend the joint resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CONSIDER LOCAL COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM CONCERNS REGARDING PROPOSALS TO REVISE THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT'

Further amend the resolution by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'WE, your Memorialists, the members of the One Hundred and Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the Second Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Representatives of the Maine Congressional Delegation, as follows:

WHEREAS, several proposal are pending in Congress regarding revisions to the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS, community water systems in the State have identified several areas of difficulty associated with the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986, including the following:

1. Community water systems in the State have been required to spend in excess of \$400,000,000 to comply with the federal regulations resulting from the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1986;
2. The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986 require the arbitrary establishment of 25 new drinking water standards every 3 years, resulting in increased monitoring costs;

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2 3. Regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments
3 of 1986 will require the removal of contaminants to levels well
4 below that required to protect human health, resulting in
5 millions of dollars being spent unnecessarily on new physical
6 plants and their operation; and

8 4. The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986 do not
9 provide sufficient flexibility in monitoring requirements based
10 on community location, resulting in monitoring for contaminants
11 that are not now and never were in this State; and

12 **WHEREAS,** community water systems in the State support
13 several revisions to the Safe Drinking Water Act to resolve the
14 problems identified in this resolution, including the following:

16 1. Elimination of the mandatory triennial list of 25 new
17 regulated contaminants in favor of a process in which future
18 contaminants for regulation would be based on national health
19 risk data as determined through an occurrence data base;

22 2. Establishment of maximum contaminant level standards for
23 drinking water that would include the best technology, public
24 health risk reduction benefits and costs;

26 3. Allowing state programs sufficient flexibility to
27 establish contaminant monitoring programs based on community
28 occurrence data; and

30 4. Allowing states the ability to set flexible compliance
31 schedules based on the individual circumstances of the
32 regulation, the state and the water purveyor; now, therefore, be
33 it

34 **RESOLVED:** That We, your Memorialists, respectfully
35 recommend and urge the Honorable Members of the Maine
36 Congressional Delegation to ensure that these issues are
37 considered in any proposed revisions to the Safe Drinking Water
38 Act; and be it further

40 **RESOLVED:** That We, your Memorialists, respectfully
41 recommend and urge the Honorable Members of the Maine
42 Congressional Delegation to ensure that further mandates are not
43 included in any proposed revisions to the Safe Drinking Water Act
44 without the provision of adequate federal funding to offset
45 increased state costs; and be it further

48 **RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly
49 authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to each
50 member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original resolution.

SPONSORED BY: *Ben Bustin*
(Senator BUSTIN) *LLD*

COUNTY: Kennebec

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE RECEDED & CONCURRED**

*In Senate
March 4, 1994
read & adopted
Sent down for concurrence*

MAR 8 1994

Joseph W. Mayo
CLERK

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