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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1040, L.D. 1459, Bill, "An  
Act to Make Changes to the Public Utilities Laws"

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §703, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

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**3. Existing contracts.** The furnishing by a public utility  
of a product or service at the rates and upon terms and  
conditions provided for in a contract in existence January 1,  
1913, may not be construed as constituting a discrimination or  
undue or unreasonable preference or advantage within the meaning  
specified. When any such contract or contracts are or become  
terminable by notice of a utility, the commission may order that  
the contract or contracts be terminated by the utility as and  
when directed by the order. ~~It shall be lawful for a public  
utility to make a contract for a definite term subject to the  
commission's approval for its product or service, but the  
published rates shall not be changed during the term of the  
contract without the commission's consent.~~

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**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §703, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

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3-A. Special contracts. It is lawful for a public utility  
to make a contract for a definite term subject to the  
commission's approval for its product or service, but the

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2 published rates may not be changed during the term of the  
contract without the commission's consent.'

4 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
6 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 This amendment separates 2 relatively unrelated provisions  
of law into 2 subsections in order to increase clarity.