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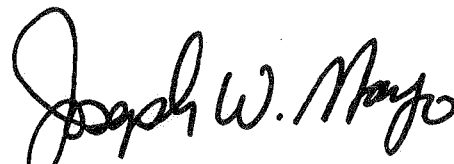
No. 533

H.P. 388

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

An Act to Ensure Public Safety and Proper Allocation of Liability for Gas Pipelines.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, FARNSWORTH of Portland, O'NEIL of Saco,
QUINT of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STANLEY of Medway,
Senator: KILKELLY of Lincoln.

2 gas causing a fire or explosion escaped from that portion of the
3 system under the company's control. The burden is on the company
4 to prove that the gas did not escape from that portion of the
5 system under its control. Damages for which the company is
6 liable may be reduced by proving to the court or jury that there
was another cause for or source of the escape of the natural gas.