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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1425, L.D. 1989, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Houlton Water Company"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. P&SL 1880, c. 227, §3, as amended by P&SL 1967, c. 28, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The company may not take by eminent domain the property or facilities of another public utility used or acquired for use in providing service to the public or in the performance of a public duty unless the company applies to the Public Utilities Commission and the commission finds that the taking is in the public interest.'

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

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor additional costs to regulate any natural gas service provided by the Houlton Water Company and to review certain takings made by the district. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment provides that the Houlton Water Company may
not take the property of another public utility used in providing
service to the public or in performing a public duty unless the
8 Public Utilities Commission finds that the taking is in the
public interest.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.