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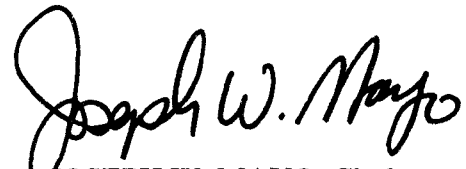
H.P. 92

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Clarify Great Northern Paper, Inc.'s Status to Furnish
Electricity.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of
Holden, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, MAYO of Bath, STANLEY of Medway,
USHER of Westbrook.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the Great Northern Paper, Inc. mill in Millinocket
6 is a great resource to the economy of Maine and the citizens in
and around the Town of Millinocket; and

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Whereas, Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 71 separates
10 the electricity rights from the assets of the Millinocket mill;
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Whereas, the Millinocket mill is currently up for sale; and

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Whereas, the electricity rights would be a valuable asset to
16 the mill for prospective purchasers; and

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Whereas, Bowater Incorporated, the parent company of Great
Northern Paper, Inc., has stated that it will close the
20 Millinocket mill in 18 months if there are no purchasers; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
24 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
26 safety; now, therefore,

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. P&SL 1997, c. 71 is repealed.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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 This bill repeals the law that allows Great Northern Paper,
Inc. to continue to furnish electricity to and from its
40 Millinocket facilities without being considered an electric
utility.