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S.P. 183

In Senate, January 19, 1999

**An Act to Appropriate Money to Extend Water Lines to Families in
Gorham Whose Wells Were Polluted by Highway Construction Activity.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUGH of Scarborough, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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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6 **Whereas,** the Town of Gorham has a number of private wells
which are contaminated by highway construction activity; and

8 **Whereas,** water mains need to be extended to bring drinkable
water to certain residents; and

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

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

20 **Sec. 1. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

22 **1999-00**

24 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Highway & Bridge Improvement**

28 Capital Expenditures \$280,000

30 Allocates funds to defray the costs of
32 extending water lines to a housing
development in Gorham where residential
wells have been polluted by the rupture of a
34 chemical holding tank, caused by blasting
activity during highway construction
36 undertaken by the Department of
Transportation.

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

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44 **SUMMARY**

46 This bill allocates \$280,000 to the Department of
Transportation in fiscal year 1999-00 to defray the costs of
48 extending water lines to a housing development in Gorham where
residential wells have been polluted by the rupture of a chemical
50 holding tank, caused by blasting activity during highway
construction undertaken by the Department of Transportation.