

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 89

In Senate, January 30, 2001

**An Act to Authorize Representation by the Public Advocate of
Consumer Interests on Regional Decision-making Bodies.**

Submitted by the Office of Public Advocate pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy 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 CARPENTER of York.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HALL of Bristol, SAVAGE of Buxton.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

6 **8. Represent interests of retail customers on regional**
8 **bodies.** The Public Advocate, when the Public Advocate determines
10 it necessary, may serve as a voting member of any regional body
12 whose decisions directly affect the prices or quality of utility
14 services in the State, as long as that service is limited to a
16 seat that is designated for the representation of consumer
18 interests.

SUMMARY

16 This bill allows the Public Advocate, when necessary, to
18 serve as a voting member of a regional body that is directly
concerned with matters affecting the price and quality of retail
utility service in Maine, such as the New England Power Pool.