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House of Representatives, January 18, 2005

**An Act To Authorize the Public Advocate To Represent Consumers
in Federal Regulation of Railroads**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HOTHAM of Dixfield.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVAGE of Knox and
Representatives: FLETCHER of Winslow, KAELIN of Winterport, MARLEY of Portland,
McKENNEY of Cumberland, MOODY of Manchester, PATRICK of Rumford, SAVIELLO of
Wilton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1702, sub-§5.** as amended by PL 1999, c.
6 398, Pt. A, §26 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended
8 to read:

10 **5. Intervention on behalf of public.** The Public Advocate
12 may, on behalf of the using and consuming public, or any
14 particular group of consumers, petition to initiate, or intervene
16 and appear in, any proceedings before the commission, appeals
18 from orders of the commission, or proceedings before state and
federal agencies and courts in which the subject matter of the
action affects the customers of any utility ~~or~~ competitive
service provider or railroad doing business in this State, except
that the Public Advocate may not intervene in any proceeding in
which the commission staff is representing a position
substantially similar to that of the Public Advocate, as
determined by the Public Advocate.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill provides the Public Advocate with authority to
24 initiate and intervene or appear in proceedings before state and
federal agencies and courts on behalf of customers of a railroad.