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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 97th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 332, L. D. 896, Bill, "An Act
Relating to Condemnation Proceedings by
Water Districts."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. R.S., c. 52, Sec. 25, amended. Sec. 25 of Chapter 52 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25. Proceedings before Commissioners. The Commissioners shall fix a time for hearing, within the county where the property is situated, and give written notice thereof to the owner and to the district seeking to acquire said property. At the hearing all parties in interest shall be heard either in person or by attorney, and witnesses may be summoned by either party and attendance compelled as before other judicial tribunals; the burden of proof to show the necessity of the particular taking shall rest upon the party seeking to acquire the property. The decision of a majority of the Commissioners shall be final as to questions of fact. The prevailing-party-shall-recover-costs-as-in-actions-at-law-in-the Superior-court-and-execution-shall-issue-therefor."

Reported by the Committee on Public Utilities.

Read and adopted in the Senate April 7, 1955.

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