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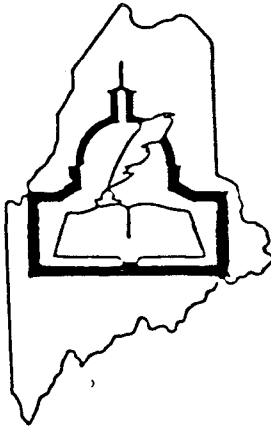
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LD: 268

AN ACT RELATING TO SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF THE
CAMDEN AND ROCKLAND WATER COMPANY

CHALMERS
MAYO
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HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
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SUMMARY:

The bill addresses the need of the Camden and Rockland Water Company for additional sources of water supply by providing access to Megunticook Lake in the towns of Hope, Lincolnville and Camden and Megunticook River in Camden for emergency and backup purposes.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-167) deletes any access to the water of Megunticook Lake, but authorizes the company to take up to 1,000,000 gallons per day from the Megunticook River. In emergencies, water may be taken in excess of that limit, with notification to the Selectmen of Camden, the DEP, and the DHS. Continuation of emergency withdrawals beyond 5 calendar days requires approval by 2 out of 3 of these entities. Development of the Megunticook River as a water supply is subject to approval by DHS. The DHS will also determine the minimum water flow and level necessary to protect public health, and the company may not withdraw water unless those conditions are met. In periods of low water, that will require negotiation with the Megunticook Lake Dam Advisory Committee, which controls the dams at the head of the river. Authority is granted for the lesser of 25% or 50 riparian proprietors along the river between those dams and the Seabright Dam to petition the DEP to establish water level and flow requirements, including inflow requirements, in accordance with the Maine Dam Inspection, Registration and Abandonment Act. (Under the general statutes DEP may set minimum flow requirements to protect the environment and the riparian proprietors on the lake could petition for water level requirements.)