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LD 1979

This is nothing more than a bill designed to protect foreign hydropower interests in the form of Brookfield Asset Management's Brookfield Renewable, a multi-national, \$60 billion dollar corporation. Put another way, 60% of Maine's species live in riparian zones along and in our rivers. Nutrient flows up and downstream make these rivers analogous to arteries and dams to stenosis.

Their owners and operators then are slick purveyors of coronary artery disease. The benefits of dam removal and river restoration far outweigh that of clogged arteries and possible heart attack!

Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1979.

Thank you.