

# SENATE . . . . . No. 366

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By Mr. Sisitsky and Mr. Jordan of Springfield, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 366) of Mass PIRG, by Peter S. Rider, staff attorney, Alan D. Sisitsky, Raymond A. Jordan and other members of the General Court for legislation to require itemized billing by certain public utilities. Government Regulations.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight.

AN ACT REQUIRING ITEMIZED BILLING BY CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 166 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 44 the following new section: —
- 3 *Section 44A.* Every bill presented to a residential customer
- 4 by a common carrier engaged in the transmission of intelli-
- 5 gence by electricity shall itemize all charges. Unless otherwise
- 6 so required, such itemization need not occur for amounts car-
- 7 ried forward from a prior bill which represent a debit balance
- 8 for the customer's account.

It is the duty of the Senate to advise and consent to the appointment and removal of officers of the Executive branch of the Government. It is also the duty of the Senate to ratify and reject treaties made by the President. The Senate also has the power to impeach and try federal judges and officers of the Executive branch.

**The Senate's Role in the Executive Branch**

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