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to, but not in excess of, 25% of the total public assistance requested; and

(3) Enter into an agreement with the affected local governmental units to obligate local financial resources up to, but not in excess of, 10% of the total cost of damage to local public facilities, ~~provided that~~ as long as the local share ~~shall~~ does not exceed 10% of total local annual operating budget, exclusive of educational budgets.

B. If the President of the United States declares that an emergency or a major disaster exists in the State, the Governor may:

(1) Apply for a loan from the Federal Government on behalf of a unit of local government if the Governor determines that the unit will suffer a substantial loss of tax and other revenues as a result of an emergency or a major disaster and has demonstrated a need for financial assistance to perform its governmental functions;

(2) Receive and disburse the proceeds of any approved loan to an applicant local government;

(3) Determine the amount needed by any applicant local government to restore or resume its governmental functions and certify the amount to the Federal Government, except that no application amount may exceed 25% of the annual operating budget of the applicant for the fiscal year in which the emergency or major disaster occurs; and

(4) Recommend to the Federal Government, based upon the Governor's review, the cancellation of all or any part of repayment when, after 3 full fiscal years following the emergency or major disaster, the revenues of the local government are insufficient to meet its operating expenses, including additional municipal expenses related to the emergency or disaster.

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**CHAPTER 195
S.P. 36 - L.D. 120**

**An Act to Expand the
Membership of the Homeland
Security Advisory Council**

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §708, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 529, §1 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The council is composed of the following ~~9~~ 11 members:

A. The director or the director's designee;

B. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or the commissioner's designee;

C. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;

D. The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee;

E. The Chief of the State Police within the Department of Public Safety or the chief's designee;

F. A representative of the Governor;

G. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;

H. The Commissioner of Marine Resources or the commissioner's designee; ~~and~~

I. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee;

J. The Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the officer's designee; and

K. The director of the Maine School Safety Center established within the Department of Education or the director's designee.

The director is the chair of the council. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is the advisor of the council. Commissioner designees must be uniformed law enforcement personnel.

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**CHAPTER 196
H.P. 119 - L.D. 186**

**An Act to Clarify the Public
Utilities Commission's
Authority to Establish Time-of-
use Pricing for Standard-offer
Service**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

4-B. Demand response and energy efficiency. The commission may incorporate cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency into the supply of standard-