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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 846, L.D. 1147, Bill, "An Act Authorizing Public Utilities Commission to Require the Interchange of Electric Energy."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"The Public Utilities Commission, in the interest of public convenience and necessity, is empowered to order any company which is municipally, cooperatively or privately owned and which is principally engaged in the manufacture, transmission, distribution or sale of electricity directly to the public or to be used ultimately by the public for lighting, heating or power to temporarily transport electric energy over its transmission or distribution facilities at a reasonable charge and in such manner as the Commission shall direct when such transmission will alleviate an electric power shortage within this State which exists by reason of an emergency. Whenever the commission, upon its own motion or upon application of any such company, after due notice to all interested parties and an opportunity for a hearing, makes findings based upon substantial evidence that an emergency exists and that such action is necessary and appropriate in the public interest, which action is not detrimental to the interests of investors and consumers, it may by order direct such company to establish physical connection of its transmission or distribution facilities with the facilities of one or more other such company to sell energy to, to exchange energy with, to transmit or distribute energy for any other such company or companies for a temporary period provided that the commission shall have no authority to compel any such company to sell, exchange, transmit or distribute energy when to do so would impair its ability to render adequate service to its customers or would require it to enlarge its generating facilities for such purposes. The commission may prescribe the terms and conditions of the arrangement to be made between the companies affected by any such order, including the compensation or reimbursement reasonably due to any of them, and in the case of a new physical connection, the apportionment of costs between them or among them provided that a company making application for or receiving the benefit of a connection which will inure to its sole benefit shall assume the entire cost of such connection."

Filed by Mr. Erwin of York.

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