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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1042

H. P. 839

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Davies of Orono, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Post of Owl's Head.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Encourage the Conservation of Electricity by Providing for
Promotional and Informational Material.**

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

35 MRSA § 17 is enacted to read:

§ 17. Material on Conservation of Energy

The Public Utilities Commission shall have the authority to produce promotional and informational literature on the conservation of electricity and shall require electric utilities to include this literature in their monthly utility bills. The Public Utilities Commission shall provide the material in a form suitable for offset printing to each electric utility in its jurisdiction and the utilities shall reproduce it and distribute it at their own expense. The total amount of this material which the electric utilities shall be required to distribute shall not exceed 24 8½ x 11 pages in any calendar year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill encourages conservation of electricity by providing in monthly electric utility bills material which promotes effective energy conservation. To achieve this result the bill provides that the editorial content of this material will be controlled by the Public Utilities Commission rather than by the utilities themselves.