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House of Representatives, March 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Laffin of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Abolish the Fuel Adjustment Clause.

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

35 MRSA § 131, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 689, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 131. Fuel adjustment clause

An electric company shall not itemize fuel costs as a separate charge that can be adjusted to reflect changes in costs for fuel incurred by the company on its bills to customers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to abolish the fuel adjustment clause. The cost of fuel would be treated in the same manner as any other expense incurred by the company in providing electrical service to customers. Fuel costs would not be broken down as a separate item on bills. In addition, higher fuel costs would result in higher rates only after review by the Public Utilities Commission in a formal rate proceeding.