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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1913, L.D. 1978, Bill,
"AN ACT Adopting the Voluntary Energy Efficiency Building
Performance Standards."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting clause the
following:

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA § 1413, sub-~~§14-A.~~ is enacted to read:

14-A. Renewable energy resources. "Renewable energy resources"
means those energy resources that are capable of being reproduced,
replenished or restored following the use of these resources and
resources that are inexhaustible. Renewable energy resources
includes biomass, wood, water, waste, solar and wind, but
shall exclude nuclear fuel sources, coal and oil, but should
include all nonfossil energy sources.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated
"§1415-A." by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Heating sources. The director, in accordance with the
Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, shall
adopt regulations prohibiting the use of utility supplied
electricity for space heating in a building subject to this
chapter.

7. Exemption. Any building using only renewable energy
resources for space heating is exempt from the requirements
of this chapter.'

Further amend the Bill by renumbering sections 1 to 8 to be sections 2 to 9.

Statement of Fact

This amendment will significantly strengthen the bill and result in increased energy conservation. The amendment prohibit the use of utility supplied electricity for space heating, since this is a very inefficient (26.39%) use of this energy source. It also exempts buildings using 100% renewable energy resources for space heating from the energy standards.