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1 L.D. 160
2 (Filing No. S- 52)

3 STATE OF MAINE
4 SENATE
5 113TH LEGISLATURE
6 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

7 SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
8 to H.P. 131, L.D. 160, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the
9 Laws for Transmission of Electric Power and to Study
10 Related Issues."

11 Amend the amendment by striking out all of the
12 first 2 paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 10
13 to 19 in amendment) and inserting in their place the
14 following:

15 'Amend the bill by inserting after the title the
16 following:

17 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
18 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
19 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

20 Whereas, Central Maine Power Company has filed
21 preliminary notice of a proposal to purchase power
22 from Hydro-Quebec; and

23 Whereas, this legislation is intended to apply to
24 that proposal if the company follows that preliminary
25 notice by filing an application for approval by the
26 Public Utilities Commission; and

27 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
28 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
29 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
30 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
31 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
32 therefore,

33 Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking
34 out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 9 to 15 in
35 L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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5. Imported power. In its review of any petition filed on or after January 1, 1987, for approval of the purchase of generating capacity or energy from outside the State, the commission may consider the comparative economic impact on the State of production of additional power within the State, investments in energy conservation and the purchase of the power from outside the State.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The committee amendment changed the bill by inserting optional consideration in place of mandatory consideration by the Public Utilities Commission of the comparative economic impacts of importing power versus in-state production, in connection with Public Utilities Commission review of a proposed power purchase agreement. It also added energy conservation among the options to be reviewed.

This amendment is offered on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities. It amends the committee amendment to add language to make it clear that Public Utilities Commission authority to consider comparative economic impact applies to petitions filed on or after January 1, 1987, and adds an emergency clause to make the bill effective immediately. In particular, this emphasizes the legislative intent that the Public Utilities Commission is authorized to

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1 consider comparative economics with respect to the
2 proposal by the Central Maine Power Company to pur-
3 chase power from Hydro-Quebec (PUC Docket No. 87-40),
4 should the company follow its preliminary notice with
5 an application. It is further noted that the Public
6 Utilities Commission has informed the committee that
7 it intends to consider information submitted on com-
8 parative economic impact in this case, if authorized.

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10 (Sen. Kerry)

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