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No. 1711

S.P. 616

In Senate, May 30, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Establish Domestic Preference for Long-term Power Generation.

(After Deadline)



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

3 35-A MRSAs §3183 is enacted to read:

5 §3183. Domestic preference for long-term power generation

7 1. Domestic preference. The commission shall not contract
9 for or approve the purchase of long-term power generation from a
11 foreign source if there is an in-state source of generation of
13 equivalent capacity and:

15 A. The in-state generation is less expensive than the
17 foreign generation; or

19 B. The in-state generation will provide substantial
21 economic advantages to the State and New England.

23 2. Considerations. The commission shall take into account
25 the following considerations in determining whether an in-state
27 source of long-term power generation is less expensive or will
29 provide economic advantages in order to be afforded the domestic
31 preference under subsection 1:

33 A. The benefits from additional capacity at peak usage
35 times available from an in-state source;

37 B. The reliability of the source and ease with which the
39 power may be dispatched;

41 C. The manufacturing costs of the power plant and materials
43 and equipment necessary to the plant;

45 D. The additional employment resulting directly or
47 indirectly from the in-state source; and

49 E. The long-term impact of constructing or using an
51 in-state source.

3. Rules. The commission shall promulgate rules under
Title 5, chapter 375, to implement this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a domestic preference for the purchase of long-term power generation. Under the bill the Public Utilities Commission would have to give preference to an in-state power generator over a foreign generator of equivalent capacity if the in-state generation would be less expensive or would provide substantial economic advantages to the State and New England.