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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 332, "JOINT RESOLUTION  
MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFUSE TO  
ENACT THE BUDGET RESOLUTION AND IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION THAT  
WOULD IMPOSE A BRITISH THERMAL UNIT TAX"

Amend the joint resolution by striking out the title and  
substituting the following:

'JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONCERNING THE BUDGET RESOLUTION AND IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION  
THAT WOULD ADOPT A BRITISH THERMAL UNIT TAX'

Further amend the resolution by striking out everything  
after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and  
Sixteenth Legislature of the State of Maine, now assembled in the  
First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the  
Congress of the United States, as follows:

**WHEREAS,** President Clinton has proposed to the Congress a  
budget resolution that includes a broad-based energy tax based on  
the British Thermal Unit equivalent of various energy sources and  
an additional supplemental tax on oil; and

**WHEREAS,** such a supplemental tax on oil would impose a  
disproportionate burden on New England households, which are  
particularly dependent on the use of home heating oil; and

**WHEREAS,** the Senate has amended such a budget resolution to  
remove the supplemental tax on oil from heating fuels; and

**WHEREAS,** the Congress still must reconcile House and Senate  
versions of the budget resolution and must enact implementing  
legislation to place the BTU tax in statute; and

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2       **WHEREAS,** the proposed BTU tax, without an additional  
4 supplemental tax on oil, will represent a short-term but equally  
greater long-term burden of the uncontrolled federal deficit; and

6       **WHEREAS,** continued failure to control the deficit will risk  
8 renewed inflation, undercut economic recovery and delay the  
return to full employment; now, therefore, be it

10       **RESOLVED:** That We, your Memorialists, support the action  
12 taken by the Senate to remove the supplemental tax on home  
heating oil; and be it further

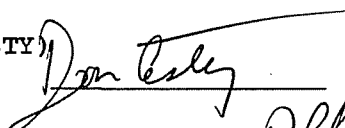
14       **RESOLVED:** That we respectfully recommend and urge the  
16 Congress of the United States to join a spirit of bipartisan  
cooperation to pass a responsible budget in which all Americans  
share equally the burden of sacrifice; and be it further

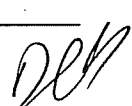
18       **RESOLVED:** That we support President Clinton's efforts to  
20 reduce the deficit and balance the budget; and be it further

22       **RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly  
24 authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the  
Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, to  
26 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each  
28 Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.'

30                                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32       This amendment replaces the original resolution.

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36       (Senator ESTY)  
38       SPONSORED BY: 

40       COUNTY: Cumberland 

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