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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " β " to H.P. 330, L.D. 420, Bill, "An			
20	Act to Strengthen Energy Conservation"			
22	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:			
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26	'An Act Concerning Energy Conservation'			
28	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:			
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32	'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305-B, sub-§§2 to 5, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 336, §2, are repealed.			
34	Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3153-A, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §58 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further			
36	amended to read:			
38	E. Transmission and distribution utility financing or subsidization of capital improvements undertaken by			
40	ratepayers to conserve electricity used by the ratepayers in the future. This paragraph applies to future programs for			
42	utility financing of energy conservation or load management as long as the goal of such programs is to economically			
44	defer or eliminate the need for transmission and distribution plant upgradesInadditiontoprograms			
46	undertaken-pursuantto-section-3211-to-achieve-goals-other			
48	than-that-identified-in-this-paragraph;			

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Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3211, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999,
 c. 336, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

8 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

10 State Planning Office

12 Initiative: Deallocates funds to reflect the repeal of the energy conservation program within the State Planning Office 14 and the consequent elimination of one Policy Development Specialist position.

	Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
18	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(-1.000)
	Personal Services	\$0	(\$75,486)
20	All Other	0	(63,160)
22	Total	\$0	(\$138,646)'

24 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

2002-03

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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REVENUES

Other Funds

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Repealing the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission assess transmission and distribution utilities for the
cost of funding the energy conservation program developed by the Executive Department, State Planning Office will reduce dedicated
revenues collected by the Public Utilities Commission and transferred to the conservation program fund within the State
Planning Office. The estimated reduction of dedicated revenue to the Public Utilities Commission is \$138,646 in fiscal year
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2 The repeal of the energy conservation program within the State Planning Office will result in the elimination of one Policy Development Specialist position. The bill includes an 4 Other Special Revenue funds deallocation of \$138,646 in fiscal year 2002-03. As a further consequence of the repeal of this 6 program, there is likely to be an unencumbered balance of funds that had been transferred to the State Planning Office from the 8 Public Utilities Commission. The remaining balance will be transferred back to the Public Utilities Commission at the close 10 of fiscal year 2002-03; the amounts can not be determined at this time.' 12

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy, replaces the bill and 18 changes the title to reflect the content of the amendment. This 20 amendment removes all the funding for electric energy conservation program and eliminates the program. The amendment 22 also adds an appropriation and allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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