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MINORITY UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 330, L.D. 420, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen Energy Conservation"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Concerning Energy Conservation'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305-B, sub-§§2 to 5, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 336, §2, are repealed.

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 amended to read:

E. Transmission and distribution utility financing or subsidization of capital improvements undertaken by ratepayers to conserve electricity used by the ratepayers in the future. This paragraph applies to future programs for utility financing of energy conservation or load management as long as the goal of such programs is to economically defer or eliminate the need for transmission and distribution plant upgrades. In addition to programs undertaken pursuant to this paragraph, programs may be undertaken pursuant to section 3211 to achieve goals other than that identified in this paragraph;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



2           The repeal of the energy conservation program within the  
3 State Planning Office will result in the elimination of one  
4 Policy Development Specialist position. The bill includes an  
5 Other Special Revenue funds deallocation of \$138,646 in fiscal  
6 year 2002-03. As a further consequence of the repeal of this  
7 program, there is likely to be an unencumbered balance of funds  
8 that had been transferred to the State Planning Office from the  
9 Public Utilities Commission. The remaining balance will be  
10 transferred back to the Public Utilities Commission at the close  
11 of fiscal year 2002-03; the amounts can not be determined at this  
12 time.'

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### SUMMARY

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

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