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S.P. 377

In Senate, March 4, 2003

An Act To Promote Clean and Efficient Energy

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy 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 BRENNAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: President DAGGETT of Kennebec, HALL of Lincoln, STRIMLING of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUDLEY of Portland, KANE of Saco, McKEE of Wayne.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to support clean and efficient energy in
12 Maine by:

14 1. Increasing funding for energy efficiency by establishing
16 a single, statewide system benefit charge for Maine's electricity
efficiency program of .15 cents per kilowatt hour in 2003, .25
cents per kilowatt hour in 2006 and .30 cents per kilowatt hour
starting in 2008;

18 2. Establishing new appliance and equipment energy
20 standards for 15 products not currently covered by federal
standards;

22 3. Increasing renewable energy production in Maine by
24 amending the State's renewable energy portfolio standard to
gradually increase the percentage of electricity products sold in
26 Maine that are composed of clean, new renewable energy; and

28 4. Increasing energy efficient building construction by
30 requiring that the so-called "LEED Green Building Standards" be
32 established as the new residential building code in Maine and
requiring the State to use this standard for all new state
buildings and renovations of state buildings. The bill would
also increase enforcement of building codes to ensure compliance.