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**An Act To Improve Regional Transmission Organization Responsiveness** 

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative HINCK of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, CRAY of Palmyra, HAYES of Buckfield, Senators: HOBBINS of York, JACKSON of Aroostook, PATRICK of Oxford, THIBODEAU of Waldo.

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