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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 236, L.D. 597, “An Act To Establish the Wood Energy Investment Program”

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

**'An Act To Establish the Thermal Energy Investment Program'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 9 in paragraph C in the 3rd line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Wood" and inserting the following: 'Thermal'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 9 in paragraph C in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 27 and 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "wood-derived thermal energy or cogeneration" and inserting the following: 'thermal energy-derived'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10128** is enacted to read:

**§10128. Thermal Energy Investment Program**

**1. Establishment; purpose.** The Thermal Energy Investment Program is established within the trust to provide incentives and low-interest or no-interest loans to strengthen the State's forest products industry and lower energy costs by increasing the efficient use of thermal energy production.

**2. Thermal Energy Investment Fund.** There is established in the custody of the trust a special nonlapsing fund, to be known as the Thermal Energy Investment Fund. The Thermal Energy Investment Fund consists of the following:

**A.** Sums the commission collects from alternative compliance payments made by competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements for thermal renewable energy credits established in section 3210, subsection 3-C;

**B.** Funds that the trust may receive from the State or from the Federal Government or funds from other agreements whose purpose is consistent with this section;

**C.** Principal and interest received from the repayment of loans made from the Thermal Energy Investment Fund; and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

