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21 Senators having voted in the affirmative and 13 Senators having voted in the negative, with 1 Senator being excused, the motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin to **ADOPT** Senate Amendment "B" (S-307) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-490), **PREVAILED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-490) as Amended by Senate Amendments "A" (S-293) and "B" (S-307) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-490) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENTS "A" (S-293) AND "B" (S-307)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/13/11) Assigned matter:

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Schedule for Redistricting  
H.P. 387 L.D. 494  
(C "A" H-76)

Tabled - June 13, 2011, by Senator **ALFOND** of Cumberland

Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(In Senate, April 26, 2011, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76)**, in concurrence.)

(In House, June 10, 2011, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-76) AND HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" (H-565)**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **THOMAS** of Somerset, the Senate **RECEDED** and **CONCURRED**.

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The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (6/14/11) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act To Reduce Energy Prices for Maine Consumers"  
S.P. 501 L.D. 1570  
(C "A" S-272)

Tabled - June 14, 2011, by Senator **THIBODEAU** of Waldo

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, June 9, 2011, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, in concurrence.)

(In Senate, June 14, 2011, **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order (S.P. 518).

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

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On motion by Senator **THIBODEAU** of Waldo, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-272)**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **SUSPENDED THE RULES**.

On further motion by same Senator, the Senate **RECONSIDERED** whereby it **ADOPTED** Committee Amendment "A" (S-272).

On further motion by same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" (S-310) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-272) **READ**.

**THE PRESIDENT:** The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Thibodeau.

Senator **THIBODEAU**: Thank you Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this amendment, simply put, in this Chamber we are all familiar with the concept of Pine Tree Zones. In Pine Tree Zones there is an exemption already in statute for the business owners to not have to meet an RPS requirement, which is a Renewable Portfolio Standard. When the Pine Tree Zones were set up the Legislature saw the wisdom in that because we want to allow these companies and encourage these companies to employ people. By providing the lowest possible price for the energy, that's an important tool for attracting businesses to the state of Maine. This amendment simply allows the consumer, the employer that is actually reaping the benefit of the lower price, to ask for the waiver rather than allowing or having the competitive energy provider be the entity that makes that request. I hope everybody can be comfortable with this. I hope they understand. Thank you.

On motion by Senator **THIBODEAU** of Waldo, Senate Amendment "A" (S-310) to Committee Amendment "A" (S-272) **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-272) as Amended by Senate Amendment "A" (S-310) thereto, **ADOPTED**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-272) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-310)** thereto, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.