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Pending - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

(Committee on **TAXATION** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In Senate, April 1, 2015, on motion by Senator **EDGEComb** of Aroostook, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**.)

(In House, April 2, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION**, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.)

On motion by Senator **EDGEComb** of Aroostook, the Senate **INSISTED**.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/7/15) matter:

Bill "An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program"
H.P. 824 L.D. 1206

Tabled - April 7, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.)

(In House, April 2, 2015, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.)

On motion by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later Assigned (4/7/15) matter:

An Act To Allow the Resale of Electricity by Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

S.P. 209 L.D. 593

Tabled - April 7, 2015, by Senator **MASON** of Androscoggin

Pending - **ENACTMENT**, in concurrence

(In Senate, March 26, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.)

(In House, April 2, 2015, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**.)

On motion by Senator **MILLETT** of Cumberland, supported by a Division of one-fifth of the members present and voting, a Roll Call was ordered.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Millett.

Senator **MILLETT:** Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, this bill allows electric vehicle charging station providers to charge a fee for electricity supplied to users. Recent National Council of State Legislators research reports that the U.S. transportation system primarily relies on oil to transport people and goods and, as such, faces risks such as uncertain oil supplies and price volatility. The transportation sector relies on petroleum for 93% of its fuel. States across the country are putting in place strategies to diversify their fuel sources to support greater energy security, lower emissions, and provide price stability. Electricity can be an effective strategy to achieve these goals given its utilization of domestic and local energy sources. The challenge facing Maine plug-in owners is a fledgling and limited infrastructure that constrains their ability to travel throughout our big and beautiful state. By 2013 Tennessee had nearly 300 charging stations. Virginia has nearly 200 today. Wisconsin has over 150. Maine has 30. Nearly half of these Maine locations are the car dealerships which sell plug-ins. The other entities include organizations such as the City of South Portland, Thomas College, and Mount Abram Ski Mountain, who are committed to moving Maine forward. All of these sites provide electric fueling at no cost and this is the crux of the issue of a less than robust EVC network. Maine law currently prevents these facilities from charging a fee for secondhand use of electricity supplied. This unduly hampers providers from recovering their costs and is a strong disincentive to business development and the natural proliferation of charging stations. The bill addresses this barrier by exempting electric vehicle charging stations from the definition of competitive electricity provider and allows sub-metering for the purpose of electricity charging station providers. L.D. 593 received testimony and support from the Central Maine Power Company, Emera Maine, PUC, and Office of Public Advocate. No testimony was provided in opposition and the esteemed members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee unanimously voted Ought to Pass. I hope you will join me in passing L.D. 593. Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is Enactment, in concurrence. A Roll Call has been ordered. Is the Senate ready for the question?

The Doorkeepers secured the Chamber.

The Secretary opened the vote.

ROLL CALL (#24)

YEAS: Senators: ALFOND, BAKER, BRAKEY, BREEN, BURNS, COLLINS, CUSHING, CYRWAY, DAVIS, DILL, DUTREMBLE, EDGEComb, GERZOFISKY, GRATWICK, HAMPER, HASKELL, HILL, JOHNSON, KATZ, LANGLEY, LIBBY, MASON, MCCORMICK, MILLETT, MIRAMANT, PATRICK, ROSEN, SAVIELLO, VALENTINO, VOLK, WHITTEMORE, WILLETTE, WOODSOME, THE PRESIDENT - MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU

NAYS: Senators: None