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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 231, L.D. 793, Bill, “An Act To Protect Ratepayers While Enhancing Energy Independence and Security”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §580-A, sub-§18-B** is enacted to read:

**18-B. Other independent system operator participating states.** "Other independent system operator participating states" means the following states participating in the regional greenhouse gas initiative as of January 1, 2011 that are located within the New England independent system operator control area: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

**Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §580-B, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Condition for withdrawal.** The State shall withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative when a sufficient number of other independent system operator participating states have withdrawn such that the total carbon dioxide emissions budget for the calendar year 2009, as specified in the Memorandum of Understanding, of the remaining other independent system operator participating states is less than 35,000,000 tons. If the condition is met for withdrawal from the regional greenhouse gas initiative, the department shall:

A. Immediately take all necessary steps to withdraw the State from all memoranda of understanding and contracts with states participating in the regional greenhouse gas initiative relating to the regional greenhouse gas initiative; and

B. Submit legislation to the Legislature to make the necessary changes in law to reflect the State's withdrawal from the regional greenhouse gas initiative.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and requires the State to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative if other states that participate in the regional greenhouse gas

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1 initiative and in the same wholesale electricity market administered and overseen by the  
2 regional transmission organization as Maine have a total carbon dioxide emissions budget  
3 for the calendar year 2009 that totals less than 35,000,000 tons.