House Proposal of Amendment

S. 202

An act relating to the energy efficiency charge.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 209, in subdivision (d)(3)(B), by striking out the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof a new third sentence to read:

In setting the amount of the charge and its allocation, the Board shall determine an appropriate balance among the following objectives; provided, however, that particular emphasis shall be accorded to the first four of these objectives: reducing the size of future power purchases; reducing the generation of greenhouse gases; limiting the need to upgrade the State's transmission and distribution infrastructure; minimizing the costs of electricity; reducing Vermont's total energy demand, consumption, and expenditures; providing efficiency and conservation as a part of a comprehensive resource supply strategy; providing the opportunity for all Vermonters to participate in efficiency and conservation programs; and ~~the value of~~ targeting efficiency and conservation efforts to locations, markets, or customers where they may provide the greatest value.

Second: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 209, in subdivision (d)(3)(C), in the first sentence, after "the use of fossil fuels for" by inserting space before "heating" and after "such as air source" by inserting or geothermal before "heat pumps".

Third: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 209, in subdivision (d)(3)(C), in subdivision (i), after "electric ratepayers" by inserting as a whole.

Fourth: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 209, in subdivision (d)(3)(C), by striking out subdivision (iii) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (iii) to read:

(iii) will result in a net reduction in State energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions on a life-cycle basis and will not have a detrimental impact on the environment through other means such as release of refrigerants or disposal. In making a finding under this subdivision, the Board shall consider the use of the technology at all times of year and any likely new electricity demand created by such use;