STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 221**

AN ACT relative to assessment of cost effectiveness of the systems benefit charge.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Mark McConkey
For the Committee

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