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Senate Finance votes to fund Homeland Security

Concord, NH – The Senate today voted to fully fund the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the purpose of protecting utilities in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.

Governor Hassan's budget proposal included a new retaliatory tax on insurance companies and an increase in utility fees that would have been passed on to ratepayers totaling \$900,000 per year.

Senate Finance agreed that the Renewable Energy Fund is a compatible funding source for protection of the state's utilities in an emergency event.

"Vermont Yankee Power, which has recently been decommissioned, had been a significant funding source for Homeland Security. This change is a logical step in maintaining the necessary funding level for homeland security protections covering the state's utilities, should they be impacted by a manmade or natural disaster," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem).

"We are providing a basic and necessary protection on the state's utilities without creating or raising any new taxes or fees, protecting the state's electric ratepayers and small businesses."

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