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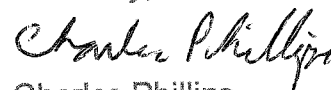
I would like to offer my suggestion for electricity conservation. Conservation of electricity could be increased by changing building code requirements. Let me give some examples.

While traveling in Germany, I stayed in a motel that used a key card, as do American motels. However, in order to turn the lights on in the room, the same key card had to be inserted in a special receptacle. Of course, when the occupant left the room, the key card was removed from the receptacle, guaranteeing that no lights were left burning.

Here is a second example. Entering a bus station late at night, I had to get to a second level. There were stairs and an escalator. The escalator was not moving, and assuming that it was not functioning, I began to climb the stairs when another person stepped onto the escalator, and it began to move. So energy was saved by deactivating the escalator whenever no one was on it.

If building codes in America were created to require similar energy saving measures, the results would be significant. I suggest that qualified persons be sent to European countries to study their building codes and to bring back a list of practices that might be implemented here.

Sincerely,



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