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An Act to Provide for a Simplified Restructuring of the Electric Industry. Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, GAGNE of Buckfield, HATCH of Skowhegan, RICHARD of Madison, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy. Public Hearing 04/28/97. Final Disposition: Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 05/19/97.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1785 \(118th Legis. 1997\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill**

[LD 1785](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

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**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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**Cross References**

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- Committee OKs billing, metering deregulation (Fisher, Frank) (Journal Tribune, 5/14/1997) ●  
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