

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Public Utilities**

BILL SUMMARY



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908

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FUEL CHARGES  
OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Baker  
Vose  
Baldacci  
Kany  
(for PA)

ENACT.  
EMER  
PL 322  
(OTPA)

SUMMARY: Modifies the fuel adjustment clause slightly to make it clear that credits for sales to as well as debits for purchases from the New England Power Pool are to be used in calculating the fuel adjustment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-195) makes it clear that the bill does not affect the implementation of any pending litigation. The amendment also makes clarifying changes in the language.

922 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNSAFE ABOVE- TWITCHHELL LV/WD  
GROUND ELECTRIC UTILITY WIRING

SUMMARY: The bill would have required above-ground service wiring, even if temporary, to be in approved conduit, or at least 15 feet above ground.

923 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A FEASIBILITY CARPENTER LV/WD  
STUDY AND A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC J. MARTIN  
POWER IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY VIOLETTE

SUMMARY: Would have established a Joint Select Committee to study the feasibility of a public power authority for electric generation and conservation in Aroostook County (but not to sell electricity at retail), with a statewide referendum in 1986 on establishing the Authority.

946 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A 30-MILE CURTIS LV/WD  
EVACUATION AREA AROUND NUCLEAR SOULE  
POWER PLANTS SMALL

SUMMARY: Would have expanded the size of the emergency evacuation zone around any nuclear power plant from 10 miles to 30 miles radius.

954 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS GILL QNTF  
FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES BRODEUR  
TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED CONNOLLY  
KELLEHER

SUMMARY: Present law provides a 70% rate reduction for intrastate toll calls made from a household with a deaf or hearing impaired person who must use a teletypewriter. The bill would have extended the rate reduction to calls made by such persons from any teletypewriter and charged to their home phone. It also added a 50% rate reduction for intrastate toll calls from nonprofit agencies serving the deaf.