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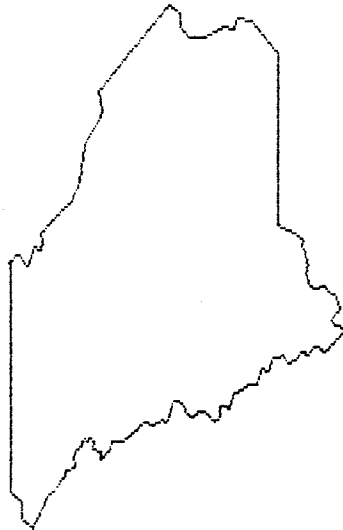


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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
Public Utilities

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)
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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- GROUND ELECTRIC UTILITY WIRING	Twitchell	LV/WD
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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 STUDY AND A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC POWER IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY	Carpenter J. Martin Violette	LV/WD
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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 EVACUATION AREA AROUND NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS	Curtis Soule Small	LV/WD
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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 FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED	Gill Brodeur Connolly Kelleher	ONTP
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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.