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1243	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIMING OF FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE CASES BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	McGowan Bost Roderick Baldacci (for PUC)	ENACT. PL 295 (OTPA)
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SUMMARY: Changes the requirement for public notice of a fuel adjustment filing to 7 days after the application is found sufficient by PUC. It also allows 45 days instead of 14 days before the hearing (if any) must be held.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-182) removes the references in the bill to the sufficiency of a fuel clause filing and establishes the filing date as the date from which the 7 days commences. Also removes references to written submissions.

1244	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS WITHIN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	Vose McGowan Kany Weymouth (for PUC)	ENACT. PL 344 (OTPA-2 Repts)
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SUMMARY: Replaces the position of director of engineering, which has remained unfilled since its creation in 1981, with a director of technical analysis, who need not be a registered professional engineer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-224) The amendment establishes certain professional qualifications for the director of technical analysis.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-225) (FAILED) Would have abolished the position of Director of Engineering.

1258	AN ACT FOR THE TOWN OF BETHEL TO ACQUIRE THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE BETHEL WATER DISTRICT AND FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE BETHEL WATER DISTRICT	Twitchell	ENACT. P&S 27 (OTIP) REFERENDUM
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SUMMARY: Authorizes the town to acquire the Water District by assuming its debts and assets, provided the voters approve in referendum. This will allow its administration to be combined with the sewer department.

1259	AN ACT REGARDING RATE INCREASE FILING BY WATER DISTRICTS	Dutremble Wentworth	CNTF
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SUMMARY: Would have allowed the customers of a water district to adopt bylaws requiring rate increases to go through complete PUC review, despite 35 MRSA §72. That recently enacted section authorizes municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities to set their own rates, with PUC only involved on appeal.