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1446 AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND CLARIFY THE RATE-SETTING PROCEDURES FOR MUNICIPAL AND QUASI-MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANIES Baldacci ENACT. PL 238 (ND of LD 964)

SUMMARY: This new draft keeps the intent of the original bill, but it makes the deadline for rate filing the same as the deadline for appeal, 30 days. Deletes unnecessary rule-making language. Provides 10 days for which a water utility to notify PUC of its intention to challenge the validity of customer petitions. Requires a one-month notice of rate changes, and provides 30 days for the commission to hold a hearing and issue its decision on the validity of the customer petitions. It clarifies that, under Title 35, section 73, the utility establishes rates but they are filed with the PUC.

1484 AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT ON SAFETY PROBLEMS BY NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS J. Martin ENACT. PL 238 (ND of LD 403)

SUMMARY: Modifies the existing requirement for safety reporting by requiring that the reports be filed at the Public Utilities Commission and by adding reports on unresolved safety issues, as defined by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-68) technical.

1496 AN ACT TO FAIRLY APPORTION THE COST OF CANCELLED GENERATING FACILITIES Baker ENACT. PL 243 (ND of LD 1042)

SUMMARY: Provides that ratepayers shall not pay any portion of the cost of a canceled or abandoned plant until that plant would have been completed, unless the commission finds that utility will be unable to perform its public service or attract necessary capital on just and reasonable terms without current recovery of all or part of the cost.

1520 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULATORY FUND ASSESSMENTS TO \$1,450,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984 AND \$1,500,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985 Vose OTP-ND (LD 1632) (MIN-ONTIP)

SUMMARY: Would have raised the PUC Regulatory Fund assessment to \$1,450,000 in 1983 and \$1,500,000 in 1984, to cover 3 new positions in 1983, and 3 more in 1984, plus expected salary increases.

1537 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION TO CONSTRUCT ANY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT Kany Thompson Carpenter Hall ENACT. PL 540 (OTPA)

SUMMARY: Requires approval by referendum before construction of any nuclear power plant, because of its economic implications.