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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
Public Utilities

BILL SUMMARY



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1582	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TIME LIMITS FOR THE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURES FOR SANITARY AND SEWER DISTRICTS	Vose Roderick Baldacci Lewis	ENACT. PL 444 (OTP)
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SUMMARY: Under existing law, if a district exercises eminent domain, the landowner may appeal the amount of damages to the county commissioners before going to court, but there are no time limits. The bill sets a time limit of 30 days for appeal to the county commissioners, and 120 days for them to act. In the event they do not act within 120 days, either party may appeal, within 30 days, to Superior Court.

1598	AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY PLAN- NING FOR THE AREA AROUND NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS	Baldacci Bost Curtis Vose	ENACT. PL 472 EMER (OTPA)
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SUMMARY: The bill modifies the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Committee (now composed of the Director of CEP, Commissioner of Public Safety and Director of Health Engineering) by adding 3 public members. Definitions of Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) (about 10 mile radius) and Ingestion Pathway Zone (IPZ) (about 50 mile radius) are enacted. A regular schedule of reporting by the REP Committee to the Governor and the Legislature is established, to continue until federal approval of the Emergency Radiological Response Plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175) Gives a vote to the license member of the REP Committee, and clarifies that the role of the Committee is purely advisory.

1632	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PUB- LIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULA- TORY FUND ASSESSMENT TO \$1,460,000 BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 1984	Vose	ENACT. PL 390 EMER (ND of LD 1520)
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SUMMARY: Raises the annual Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund assessment to \$1,460,000 beginning in FY 1983-84.

The \$160,000 increase in the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund is to be used for 3 new positions in fiscal year 1983-84 and anticipated salary increase expense computed at 7% each year. The new positions are to be filled by 2 utility engineers and one clerk. (The original bill called for 6 new position).

Senate Amendment "A" (S-132) technical.