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BILL SUMMARIES  
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BILL SUMMARY



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BILLS ENACTED

<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
1830	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FAIR APPORTIONMENT OF THE COST OF CANCELLED GENERATING FACILITIES	Vose Ridley Paradis, E. McGowan	PL 1983, C. 628 OTP

SUMMARY: Under present law recovery of the cost of a cancelled plant does not begin until the date when a plant was to be completed. The bill would allow immediate recovery of the cost of plants cancelled because of small power or cogeneration facilities.

1831	AN ACT TO UPDATE THE VALIDITY CLAUSE FOR UTILITIES	McGowan Emerson	PL 1983, C. 596 OTP
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SUMMARY: 35 MRSA @2348 declared all pipes, hydrants, wires, cables, conduits and related structures along streets and highways to be valid and legal if they were located prior to 1962 (1977 for pipes etc.) or if located thereafter in accordance with the appropriate statutes. The bill modifies the validity date to 1984.

1855	AN ACT CONCERNING PUC APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY RATE CHANGES	Baldacci	PL 1983, C. 630 OTPA CA S-286
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SUMMARY: The bill allows the PUC to approve temporary rates under bond and subject to refund if it finds that the rates are of a nature not normally subject to major dispute. At present PUC cannot approve rates under bond or refunds.

Committee Amendment "A" (adopted) changed the standard for PUC approval of temporary rates when a non-utility party disagrees. The new standard is if that party has no possibility of ultimately prevailing.

1859	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE JACKMAN SEWER DISTRICT TO CLARIFY THE LIMIT IN THE CHARTER	Redmond Rotondi	P&SL 1983, C. 75 EMER OTPA CA S-298 (HA H-502 Not adopt.)
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SUMMARY: This bill amends the charter so that \$1 million debt limit will not apply to notes issued in anticipation of water pollution control grants.

Committee Amendment "A" (adopted) made technical changes.

House Amendment "A" (not adopted) would have made technical corrections.