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BILL SUMMARIES  
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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
1829	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN RECOVERY OF COST OF CANCELLED PLANTS	Ridley	LV/WD

SUMMARY: Under present law the recovery of the costs of a cancelled plant does not begin until the date when a plant was to be completed. The bill allows earlier recovery if the delay would prevent recovery of the value of these costs. The intent appears to be to consider the interest payments on the cost of the cancelled plant, and if they are too large to allow earlier recovery.

1861	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE JACKMAN SEWER DISTRICT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR TRUSTEES	Rotondi Redmond	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: This bill would increase the trustees compensation from \$100 per year to \$20 per meeting, with a maximum of \$500 per year. Note that 38 MRSA Sec. 1252(5) establishes a procedure for trustees' compensation to be set locally.

1883	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC RATE REFORM ACT REGARDING ELECTRIC UTILITY FINANCING OF SUBSIDIZATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY RATEPAYERS	Vose Bost Matthews,Z. Baldacci	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: The bill allows utilities to include in their rate base the value of their investment in capital improvements undertaken by ratepayers under conservation programs which are financed or subsidized by the utility. It also provides for prompt recovery of start-up costs of such programs.

1884	AN ACT TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ADJUST FOR CHANGES IN CAPACITY CHARGES IN FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT	Matthew,Z. Kany Bost Roderick	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: The bill would allow all capacity charges to be adjusted through the fuel adjustment clause. Currently, only capacity charges from small power producers and cogenerators are eligible for such treatment.