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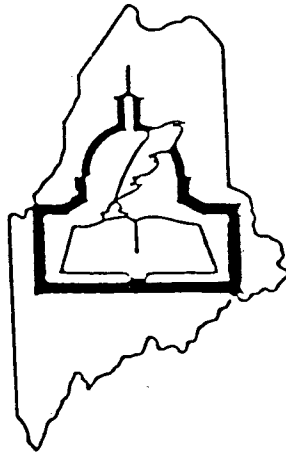
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BILL SUMMARIES
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STATE OF MAINE
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BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2064	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE VAN BUREN LIGHT AND POWER DISTRICT	Martin,H.	P&SL 1983, C. 76 EMER OTP HA H-509

SUMMARY: The bill changes the annual meeting of the district from March to June to conform to the town election.
House Amendment "A" (adopted) authorizes the district to issue serial bonds.

2065	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE VAN BUREN WATER DISTRICT	Martin,H.	P&SL 1983, C. 69 EMER OTP
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SUMMARY: The bill changes the annual meeting of the district from March to June to conform to the town election.

2068	AN ACT CREATING THE RANGELEY WATER DISTRICT	Erwin,E.	P&SL 1983, OTP-A CA S-327
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SUMMARY: The bill creates a quasi-municipal water district to serve parts of the Town of Rangeley, Sandy River, and Rangeley Plantation subject to referendum by the voters within the district.
Committee Amendment "A" (adopted) sets a deadline of December 31, 1984 for approval of the referendum, and removes the emergency clause from the bill.

2071	AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO AWARD COMPENSATION TO INTERVENORS	Baldacci	PL 1983, C. 815 OTP-ND LD 2424 OTP-A(accepted) CA S-370 HA H-683 HB H-728(not adopted)
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SUMMARY: The bill prohibits the PUC from ordering reimbursement to intervenors for their expenses in participating in cases before the commission. PUC recently, for the first time, ordered such an award. An exception is provided where federal law (P.U.R.P.A.) requires intervenor compensation.

Committee Amendment "A" (adopted) corrects a technical error.
House Amendment "A" (adopted) grandfathers intervenor funding in cases pending on April 1, 1984 before the PUC.

House Amendment "B" (not adopted) would have allowed intervenor funding when the PUC finds that essential to presentation of an issue.