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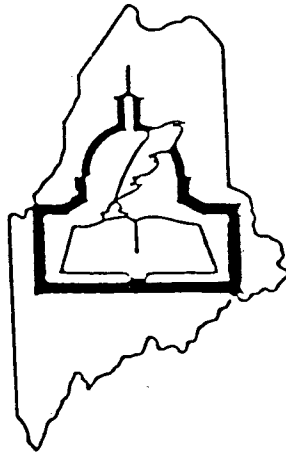
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BILL SUMMARIES
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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC UTILITIES
BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(Committee Report) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2088	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO RETURN TO FIRM CUSTOMERS THE PROFITS FROM SALES OF GAS TO INTERRUPTIBLE USERS		PL 1984, C. 637 EMER ND OF LD 1904

SUMMARY: The new draft added an emergency clause to the bill in order to be effective in a pending rate case.

The bill allows the PUC to flow through the profits from discount sales of gas to reduce the rates of all customers. (Existing law allows discount sales of gas to interruptible customers, at rates below the year-round average rate normally charged).

2097	AN ACT TO ENSURE UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR MAINE PEOPLE	Baldacci	PL 1983, C. 771 OTP-A CA S-340 HA H-627
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SUMMARY: The bill stated the importance of universal telephone service and instructed the PUC to take all necessary action to maintain it - including a targeted subsidy.

Committee Amendment "A" (adopted) kept the policy statement, but deleted any specific instruction to PUC. The legislative and executive branches will be working on a Task Force on Telecommunications Policy that was established by Executive Order March 14th. That Task Force is to study how basic telephone service costs may best be structured to ensure universal voice service in Maine. More broadly, they are to report a proposed state telecommunications policy by January 1, 1985.

House Amendment "A" (adopted) emphasizes that the magnitude of forthcoming telephone rate increases and the effect on specific groups of people are uncertain.

2105	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE KINGFIELD WATER COMPANY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FROM 3 TO 5	Dexter	P&SL 1983, C. 77 EMER OTP
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SUMMARY: The bill increases the number of trustees from 3 to 5 for the District.

2136	AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE PASSAMAQUODDY WATER DISTRICT	Vose McGowan Kany Baldacci	P&SL 1983, C. 83 EMER OTP-A CA H-564
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SUMMARY: The bill clarifies the charter to provide for elected trustees from the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation, the City of Eastport, and the Town of Perry, with staggered 3 year terms.

Committee Amendment "A" (adopted) validates the election of the trustees.