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### ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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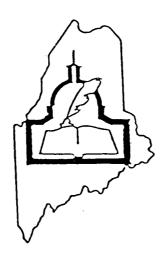
#### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

PUBLIC UTILITIES

BILL SUMMARY



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SPONSOR DISPOSITION

2048 AN ACT REGARDING FRANCHISING AND REGULATION OF CABLE TELE-VISION SYSTEMS

LD

TITLE

regulations.

ComteStudy OTP-ND See LD 2423

SUMMARY: The bill is a product of the Telecommunications Study done by this Committee. It is a clear state policy that authorizes municipalities to award Cable TV franchises, including exclusive franchises, and protects the municipality from antitrust suits. It provides for the municipality to enact ordinances for the procedures in awarding franchises and for franchise terms and conditions. On appeal, PUC can review municipal actions for conformity with the statute. PUC will also provide technical assistance on request, and propose technical system standards to the next Legislature. PUC is given limited regulatory authority: 2-way cable, and pole attachments. The bill continues present law requiring 6 months notice on abandonment of service, limiting

franchises to 15 years, and requiring conformity with FCC

2053 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC Carpenter LV/WD UTILITIES COMMISSION TO IN- Hayden STITUTE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS Andrews FOR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES

SUMMARY: This bill requires the PUC to establish efficiency standards for electric generating stations which will permit (require?) the efficiency of a facility to be taken into consideration when determining the reasonable cost of fuel for purposes of the fuel adjustment clause.

2135 AN ACT TO REQUIRE DOWNSTREAM Paradis, E. OTP-ND
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE Kany See ND 2390
OF WATER IMPOUNDMENTS Vose

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the Commissioner of DEP to require posting of signs or other measures to protect human life and property from water released from impoundments. It was introduced partly in response to a fatal accident on the Kennebec River in 1983.

2219 AN ACT RELATING TO ITEMIZED Michael LV/WD TELEPHONE BILLS

SUMMARY: The telephone company does not itemize calls for certain discount long distance services. The bill would require itemization.

2242 AN ACT CREATING THE WISCASSET ND OF LD 1765
WATER DISTRICT

SUMMARY: This was an incorrect new draft. LD 2326 is the correct new draft.