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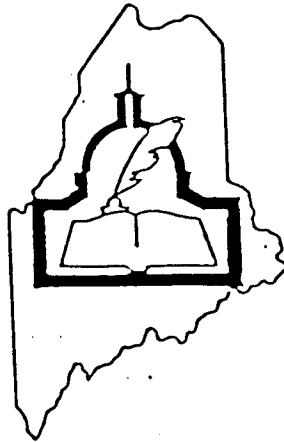
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BILL SUMMARIES
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STATE OF MAINE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2168	RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE EX- CHANGE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RE- SERVED LANDS	Pray	Res. Laws 1983,c.79

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes acquisition by the State of 960 acres on Gero Island from Edythe Dyer in exchange for a public lot in T3R4 NBKP Somerset County. The State already owns the rest of the island except for 27 acres. The amendment would have prohibited construction of a causeway, but it was not necessary because the Department withdrew its applications to build the causeway, and is studying alternatives.

2169	AN ACT TO PROVIDE SET-BACK RE- QUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL BY A PROPERTY OWNER ON HIS PROPER- TY OF SEPTAGE FROM HIS RESI- DENCE	Kany	PL 1983, c. 726
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SUMMARY: This bill requires a septage pumper to observe a set-back requirement when disposing of septage from a residence on property of the owner of the residence at the request of the property owner. The set-back required is 300 feet from property boundaries, fresh surface waters, tidal waters, water supplies, streets, highways, and permanently or seasonally inhabited residential structures. Municipalities are charged with enforcement of this provision, may collect all enforcement costs from violators, and may enact consistent and as stringent ordinances. The civil penalty for violation of this provision by a septage pumper is not more than \$1000 for each day of violation.

2234	AN ACT ENCOURAGING AN ALTERNA- TIVE TO LANDFILL DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE	Kany	PL 1983, c. 822
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SUMMARY: As enacted, with Committee Amendment "A" (S345), the bill gives the PUC discretionary authority to grant preference in awarding avoided-cost electric rates to facilities fueled primarily by municipal solid waste, in the event there are competing petitions filed by small power producers or cogenerators which are otherwise equivalent. Several printed floor amendments were not included. The PUC has established 50 Megawatt decrement blocks for calculation of avoided cost. For CMP the avoided cost is 9.4 cents/kwh for the 1st decrement, declining to an estimated 7.2 cents/kwh for the 4th decrement. Thus, the bill gives solid waste burners a small advantage in getting the higher prices of the earlier decrements.