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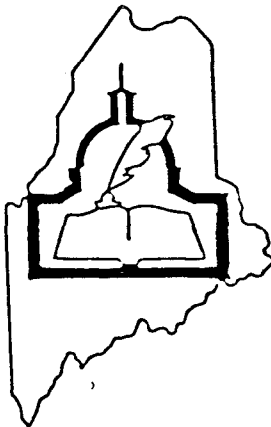
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 288 AN ACT TO CONVERT CUSTOMER CHARGES TO MINIMUM PARADIS E  
CHARGES FOR SMALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES VOSE  
ND:

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report CH #  
GOV

SUMMARY: Existing law requires that larger electric companies include any customer charges as part of a minimum charge which also covers a minimum amount of electricity (presently set by PUC at 50 kwh/month). The bill would extend the requirement from companies with more than 5000 customers to companies with more than 1000 customers. At present, CMP; Bangor Hydro & Maine Public Service are covered. The bill would add: Houlton; Kennebunk; Madison; Stonington & Deer Isle; Van Buren; Union River; Fox Islands; and Lubec.

LD: 333 AN ACT TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE ANDREWS  
EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR CUSTOMERS MCHENRY  
ND: WITH SPECIAL NEEDS MATTHEWS Z  
WEYMOUTH

OTP HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 139  
GOV EMER SIGNED

SUMMARY: The bill gives the PUC continued power to regulate volume control, low speech power and bone conductor telephone equipment. Most customer-premises telephone equipment has been deregulated under the AT&T breakup. The regulation of special needs equipment has been left up to the states. In Maine the PUC has ordered a price freeze while they consider a petition from AT&T for deregulation. Competition exists for ordinary telephones, but may not exist for the specialized equipment addressed by this bill. PUC regulation to protect customers would only continue until competitive pricing is established.