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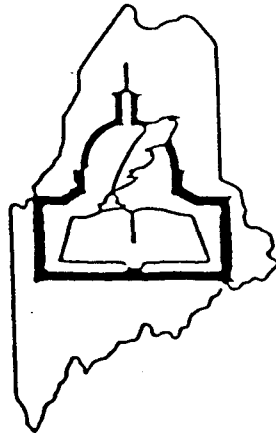
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTF	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities to require new customers to pay in advance the cost of system expansions or extensions. (See LD 1745)

LD AN ACT TO REVIEW THE NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC LVWD
1788 POWER AGREEMENT

Sponsor: KANY, Andrews, Clark, H., Vose
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill requires the Public Advocate to review the New England Electric Power Pool (NEPOOL) agreement and allocates \$50,000 from the PUC Regulatory Fund for that purpose. The PUC would consider the findings of that review in future rate cases. The agreement as a whole has never been subject to regulatory review.

Central Maine Power and Bangor Hydro are members of that agreement which dispatches power centrally for most of New England. Members are paid by the pool for power and capacity which they supply and are paid for that which they receive. Recently, NEPOOL voted to increase the reserve margin requirement from 20% to 23%. This will cost Maine utilities money.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE WATERTOWN SEWERAGE P&SL 1985
1816 DISTRICT CHARTER c. 99

Sponsor: JOSEPH, Kany, Jacques, Lacroix
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-586 CA H S

SUMMARY: The bill places in the Watertown Sewer District Charter a number of provisions conforming to procedures that are required by the Public Laws 38 MRSA...These include eminent domain; extensions and expansions; connection policy; meetings; rates and public notice.

The Committee Amendment (H-586) adds the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38 to the District's Charter. It also makes technical changes to conform to the language of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38. In addition, the distance within which buildings are required to connect is increased from 100 to 200 feet to conform to the Sanitary District Enabling Act Title 38, section 1161. Buildings with satisfactory existing private systems at the time the sewer becomes available are not required to connect as long as the system operates satisfactorily.