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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

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:

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

Sponsor: VOSE, Brown, L. Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: The District needs a new water source or it would have to build an expensive treatment plant. The bill would authorize the District to purchase and take water from land now owned by the Lincoln Company, which is outside the District. The bill also authorizes the District to sell or lease surplus property.

LD AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES

1830 COMMISSION TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO SUBMIT A LONG-RANGE ENERGY PLAN

LVWD

Sponsor: MCHENRY, Clark, H., Andrews, Richard Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> Existing law (35 §13-C) allows major electric utilities to file a long-range energy plan. That plan would provide the factual basis for regulatory review and could speed up PUC approval of construction of new facilities. However, no utilities have taken advantage of this provision.

The bill allows PUC to order such a plan and authorize a filing fee of \$50,000.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT MANDATORY LOCAL MEASURED LVWD

1831 SERVICE AND TO PRESERVE TRADITIONAL FLAT-RATE

TELEPHONE SERVICE AT AS LOW A COST AS POSSIBLE

Sponsor: REEVES, Martin, J., Dellert, Rydell
Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill prohibits mandatory local measured telephone service, preserves traditional local telephone service at as low a cost as possible and limits the percent of customers who will be provided optional local measured service.