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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:

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		
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass		
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw		
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed		

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE CLOSER REVIEW OF THE 1944 CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR ELECTRICAL GENERATING PROJECTS

Sponsor: BALDACCI, Andrews, Clark, H., Vose Committee Report: ONTP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> Present law is not entirely clear on the authority of PUC to place cost or other limits on a major construction project once approved. The bill makes clear that in the future the PUC will have the power to specify the total allowed cost and date of completion for major construction projects before they begin. In addition, the commission will have the power to order a cancellation of the project if it will be more than 25% over budget, unless a showing is made of good cause for the project's continuation.

LD	AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF LANDLORDS,	LVWD
1950	TENANTS AND CABLE TELEVISION OPERATORS	

Sponsor: VIOLETTE, Clark, H., Andrews, Paradis, E. Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill establishes guidelines for provision of Cable TV in multiple dwelling units. It authorizes tenants to subscribe to Cable TV services. Those services shall be installed at no cost to the landlord and shall not interfere with the safety, functioning, appearance or use of the dwelling. The owner may only require payment of \$1 for the installation unless the owner can show a larger financial loss as a result. Existing rights of any occupant to use individual or master antenna equipment shall not be impaired. It provides the Cable TV operator with necessary access for installation and maintenance.

LD	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE	H-OTP-AM
1956	PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1986	S-ONTP

Sponsor: (Utilities Committee Study) Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP

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