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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT REGARDING ELECTRIC RATES FOR VOLUNTEER LVWD  
1079 FIRE ASSOCIATIONS

Sponsor: ALLEN, Mills, Hussey, Erwin E.,  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to establish rates for volunteer fire associations which will be less than the general service rate for small nonresidential customers. These rates will still be higher than the residential rate. Funding is provided by a reduction in local property taxes paid by the utility. The program is subject to local approval by the legislative body of the municipality. The State Tax Assessor raised constitutional questions about this approach.

LD AN ACT REGARDING DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATTER LVWD  
1094

Sponsor: DILLENBACK, Vose  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill gives the owner of land abutting a sewer the right to connect. It does authorize the operator of the sewer to require a properly engineered pumping station if necessary.

LD AN ACT REQUIRING EVALUATION OF NEW ENGLAND PL 1987  
1095 ELECTRIC POWER POOL MEMBERSHIP c. 224

Sponsor: KANY, Erwin, E., Kerry, Vose,  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-69 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The New England Electric Power Pool Agreement has major significance for Maine utilities. The Central Maine Power Company and the Bangor Hydroelectric Company, the only 2 members in the State, completed a review of their membership in 1986. The bill requires such a review at least every 5 years. The bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to require any electric utility serving more than 20,000 customers which is not a member of NEPOOL (at present, Maine Public Service) to review that possibility.

Reports of these reviews are to be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission, which may conduct further investigation under Section 296 if that is warranted.

The committee amendment reduces the review period from 5 to 3 years and somewhat modifies the content of the review of the New England Electric Power Pool.