

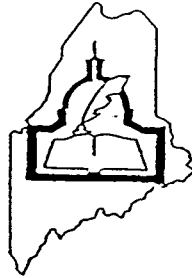
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ERWIN E PINEAU MILLS TWITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-542 CLARK H S-247

SUMMARY

The bill amends the charter of the Canton Water District by increasing the territorial limits to include the entire Town of Canton; increasing trustee compensation; and increasing the borrowing limit for the water district (from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000).

The Committee amendment adopted wording changes in the original charter recommended by the water district. The changes do not alter the present authority and responsibilities of the company or the changes proposed in the original bill.

The House amendment provides a transition clause to allow the present trustees to serve out their present terms. The committee amendment amended the wording in the procedures to select trustees by repealing and replacing that section.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FARREN RANDALL	OTP-AM	H-454

SUMMARY

The bill establishes the Quantabacook water district.

The committee amendment corrects grammar in the emergency preamble. It makes it clear that the water district will not have to obtain PUC approval to develop water sources purchased from the Quantabacook Water Company. Finally, it establishes a bonded indebtedness of \$1,500,000 and requires voter approval of bond issues.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
WEBSTER C	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have established a domestic preference for the purchase of long-term power generation. Under the bill the Public Utilities Commission would have to give preference to an in-state power generator over a foreign generator of equivalent capacity if the in-state generation would be less expensive or would provide substantial economic advantages to the State and New England.