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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities

LD 8 An Act to Regulate Water Utilities

PUBLIC 52
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KANY CARTER JOSEPH GWADOSKY	OTP-AM	S-31

SUMMARY

The bill originally sought to require Public Utility Commission approval of rate increases by water districts of more than 50% of annual operating revenue, caused in part by the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. As amended (S-31) the bill requires all water utilities to provide the commission, the utility's customers and the Department of Human Services with information concerning any proposed construction or modification of its water system caused by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act which will result in increases in rates of more than 50%. The information must include preliminary engineering estimates of both the utility's proposed water system construction or modification and the utility's next best alternative. The commission is given authority to investigate rate increases by a water utility of more than 50% upon petition by 15% of the utility's customer's or 500 customers, whichever is less.

LD 10 An Act to Mandate the Continuance of Current Policies on Winter Utility Disconnections

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OLIVER MARTIN J ADAMS DUTREMBLE D	ONTP	

SUMMARY

The bill would have required the director of consumer assistance at the Public Utilities Commission to approve or deny any disconnection of electric or gas utility service between November 1 and March 31. Any termination or disconnection from September 1, 1989 to the effective date of the Act (had it been enacted) would have had to have been re-served or reconnected at no cost to the customer if the customer was receiving certain benefits.

LD 119 An Act to Amend the Long Pond Water District Charter

P & S 1
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARREN FOSTER	OTP-AM	H-24

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Long Pond Water District by amending how the trustees will be appointed and successors' terms will be filled.