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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

**LD 192      An Act Dealing with the Public Utilities Commission's  
Involvement in Contract Settlements**

**PUBLIC 54  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK H	OTP-AM	H-57

**SUMMARY**

The original bill sought to prohibit the Public Utilities Commission from issuing any rule or order that would interfere with collective bargaining rights established under the federal Labor Management Relations Act. As amended (H-57) the bill prohibits the commission from requiring a local exchange carrier (LEC) to consider competitive bids on the construction of interexchange facilities. The bill, as amended, is specifically aimed at commission rule 280, section 6(C) which required an LEC to put out to bid construction projects for interexchange facilities costing more than \$250,000. The language of the amended bill was arrived at by negotiation between union representatives and representatives of the commission and the Office of the Public Advocate.

**LD 322      An Act to Prohibit Telephone Solicitation in Maine**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MELENDY LEMKE STEVENS A SUMMERS	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill sought to make the use of a telephone to solicit trade or contributions for any purpose other than the direct advancement of a nonprofit organization, agency or corporation a Class E crime.

**LD 391      An Act to Prohibit the Installation of Electric Heating  
Systems**

**INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEESCHEN HOLT MITCHELL J MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	

**SUMMARY**

The original bill sought to prohibit the installation of any electric space heating systems after January 1, 1992. The bill also sought to hold harmless any recipient of a low-income fuel assistance payment for heating costs in excess of those covered by the fuel assistance payment if the recipient were a tenant living in an electrically heated dwelling. The bill, as amended (H-249), requires landlords to provide to prospective tenants of primary residence rental units that are individually metered and that are heated by a primary electric space heating system information on electricity costs and kilowatt-hour consumption for the unit for the prior calendar year. Landlords are required to provide the information to prospective tenants before entering into a lease or rental agreement. Electric utilities are required to provide the information to landlords on request on forms prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission.