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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 696      An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Public Utilities  
Commission to Set Rates of Water Utilities**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MELENDY VOSE AIKMAN CARPENTER	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the Public Utilities Commission to allow a fair rate of return on property held by a water utility for future use if the water utility established there was a reasonable likelihood that the property would be used in the future to provide service.

**LD 709      An Act to Provide for Fiscal Year Accounting and  
Pretreatment Provisions for the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment  
District**

**P & S 7**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KANY JACQUES JOSEPH POULIN	OTP-AM	S-46

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the charter of the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District. The bill entitles trustees of the district to compensation approved by majority vote of the municipal officers in municipalities representing a majority of the population within the district. The bill makes technical changes concerning budgetary and fiscal matters. The bill originally provided for certain penalties for violations of pretreatment standards by industrial users. The committee amendment (S-46) redrafted these provisions so the charter conforms to the federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act). (See, LD 1358, which supersedes these provisions).

**LD 712      An Act to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District**

**P & S 12**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM	H-161    CHONKO S-41

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the charter of the Portland Water District to give the district the authority it is required to have under the federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) with regard to enforcement of pretreatment standards. This bill also makes certain technical changes in the charter. The bill proposed to prohibit ice fishing in the area of the Sebago Lake (the district's water source) near the district's intakes. The committee amendment (S-41) eliminates that prohibition. (See LD 1358 with regard to the district's power to enforce pretreatment standards.)