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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 722      An Act Concerning Certain Personnel Records      LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CARPENTER                      LV/WD

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make certain confidential personnel records of utility employees exempt from in camera inspection by the Public Utilities Commission unless required by order of the Superior Court.

**LD 727      An Act to Provide Customer Option to Block Access to      ONTP**  
**Specific Charge Call Services**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
TITCOMB                      ONTP  
ESTY  
STEVENS P  
MITCHELL J

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require telephone companies to provide customers, without charge, the option of having access to information delivery services blocked. The bill proposed to require the Public Utilities Commission to establish by rule or order a definition of "information delivery services" that included services accessed by 900 and 976 numbers. (See LD 1659.)

**LD 734      An Act Authorizing Measured Telephone Service for Business      LV/WD**  
**Customers**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CARPENTER                      LV/WD  
AIKMAN  
HOLT

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow telephone utilities to offer measured local service to business customers, subject to Public Utilities Commission approval.

**LD 755      An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bangor Water District      LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
DUFFY                      LV/WD

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the charter of the Bangor Water District by adding a referendum clause which would have required that upon petition of 10% of the voters of the City of Bangor, a decision of the district would have to be put out to referendum and approved before taking effect.