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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 910      An Act to Encourage Internal Audit of Utility Operations      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI AIKMAN	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make any papers, records or memoranda prepared by a public utility in the course of an internal audit not subject to inspection by or disclosure to the Public Utilities Commission unless that inspection or disclosure is required by an order of the Superior Court.

**LD 919      An Act to Amend the Charter of the Berwick Sewer District      P & S 8  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MURPHY CARPENTER FARNUM	OTP	H-97    CLARK H

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the charter of the Berwick Sewer District to allow it to refuse to serve properties abutting its lines of pipes and conduits unless serving those properties is consistent with all state and federal permits and licenses issued to the district. Without this provision the district was required by its charter to serve these properties, even though doing so could force it to violate its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

**LD 957      An Act to Authorize the Town of Brownville to Acquire the      P & S 9  
Assets and Liabilities of the Brownville Water District      EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY HUSSEY	OTP-AM	S-69

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Town of Brownville to take over the assets and liabilities of the Brownville Water District. The bill is effective only upon approval by the voters of the Town of Brownville prior to December 31, 1991.

**LD 979      An Act Concerning the Town of Rumford Water District      P & S 5**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ERWIN MILLS	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the charter of the Rumford Water District by increasing the maximum allowable compensation for trustees of the district.