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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.

district's electric business on August 1, 1990. As clarified by the committee amendment (H-250) the bill permits the district to hold all money received from the sale of the property formerly used to provide electric service.

LD 1330 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Customer Premise Wire and Interexchange Carrier Selection PUBLIC 318

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VOSE CLARK H	OTP-AM	S-184

SUMMARY

This bill proposed statutorily to deregulate the installation, repair and maintenance of telephone "inside wiring" (that portion of the telephone wiring on the customer's premises) and to exempt from Public Utilities Commission rate regulation any investment, expenses, revenues or earnings derived by the utility from inside wire work.

The committee amendment (S-184) instead authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to deregulate inside wiring ("customer premise wiring") services when it finds competition exists between providers of those services. The amendment retains the commission's authority over the ratemaking treatment of expenses and revenues associated with customer premise services offered by utilities.

The committee amendment also prohibits "slamming": A local exchange carrier must have written authorization from the customer before changing, at the request of an interexchange carrier, the customer's interexchange carrier.

LD 1358 An Act to Grant Enforcement Powers to Sewer Districts PUBLIC 213

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLLOWAY HEINO	OTP-AM	S-129

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to grant to sewer districts the broad powers of enforcement that are granted to municipal officials under Maine Revised Statutes Title 30-A, section 4452.

The committee amendment (S-129) narrowed the proposed scope of enforcement powers and granted these powers to both sewer and sanitary districts. The grant of enforcement authority is the minimum required for publicly owned treatment works under the federal Water Pollution Control Act and implementing regulations. Under the bill as amended, sanitary and sewer districts are authorized to seek injunctive relief from and a \$1,000 a day penalty against industrial users who violate pretreatment standards administered by the district. This provision supersedes inconsistent provisions in a sewer district charter.