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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:

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.

municipal officers of a municipality that disposes of waste at an incineration plant, to regulate the fees charged the incineration utility to customers who dispose of solid waste in the utility's incineration plant. Existing contracts are proposed to be exempted from such regulation, except that proposed changes in fees by the utility could be regulated.

LD 1574 An Act to Revise the Charter of the South Berwick Water District

**P & S 19
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FARNUM CARPENTER	OTP-AM	H-332

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the South Berwick Water District. The bill extends the boundaries of the district to include all of the Town of South Berwick. It proposed to provide for a new rate of compensation for the district's trustees. It also proposed to require 2 monthly meetings of the board of trustees and to enable all residents who are ratepayers and water users of the district to vote in district meetings.

The committee amendment (H-332) removed all the provisions except those extending the boundaries of the district. The reason for the extension of the boundaries is to provide water to an area (Hooper Sands Road) which has been contaminated by hazardous waste.

LD 1592 An Act to Increase the Annual Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund Assessment and Make Certain Other Changes

**PUBLIC 343
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK H CLEVELAND CARPENTER AIKMAN	OTP-AM	H-369

SUMMARY

This bill increases the annual Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund assessment. The bill proposed to increase the assessment to \$4,475,000 beginning in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$4,918,000 beginning in fiscal year 1992-93. The committee amendment (H-369) reduced the assessment in fiscal year 1991-92 to \$4,473,000; it left intact the assessment for the 1992-93 fiscal year. The additional funds will be used to fund increases in personnel costs and general operating expenses and to fund 22 positions previously transferred from the General Fund. The bill also adds language to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 1 suggested by the State Auditor and deletes subsection 7 of the same section relating to the renovation of commission offices that is now complete.

The committee amendment added two sections to the bill. It requires the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities to give recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on all expenditures from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund. The amendment also reduces the amount of unexpended fiscal year-end funds that may be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year from 7% of the total annual assessment to 5%.