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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>

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 1626 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Kennebec Water District

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MATTHEWS
JACQUES
BUSTIN
VIGUE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to authorize the Kennebec Water District to meet the federal Safe Drinking Water Act's requirements for filtration of open water supplies by installing filter devices at the connection points for individual users. These filters would have been required to comply with federal requirements for filtration of giardia and viruses and would have been required to be monitored once a month by the Department of Human Services.

LD 1643 An Act to Protect Telephone Customer Privacy

CARRIED OVER

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ADAMS
MORRISON
CLARK H

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to place in the hands of individual telephone subscribers the choice of whether the telephone subscriber's telephone number may be disseminated. The bill proposes to allow telephone caller identification ("caller ID") services to be used only under the following circumstances: when the consent of both parties to a telephone communication has been obtained; within private companies; in emergency circumstances; and in connection with legally sanctioned call tracing or tapping procedures.

LD 1646 An Act Regarding Cable Television

PUBLIC 358

SPONSOR(S)
ADAMS
CARPENTER
KONTOS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-388

SUMMARY

This bill requires cable franchise owners to file with the Secretary of State information concerning the franchise agreement, franchise owners, corporate ownership of corporations incorporated outside this State that own franchises in the State.

This bill proposed to prohibit a cable television system operator from invading a subscriber's privacy by doing any of the following without the express written consent of the cable subscriber: 1. Disseminating any information about the subscriber; 2. Disclosing the viewing habits of the subscriber; 3. Installing any equipment that allows the system operator to observe what is occurring in a subscriber's household. The committee amendment (H-388) deletes 1 and 2 and retains 3.