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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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ADAMS	OTP-AM MAJ	H-912 ADAMS
MORRISON	ONTP MIN	
CLARK H		

SUMMARY

This bill, which was carried over from the 1st Regular Session, proposed to require so-called presumptive blocking of caller-ID except in certain contexts such as within a PBX system or in connection with a legal call trace. Presumptive blocking means that caller-ID would be blocked unless the caller affirmatively indicated a willingness to disseminate the caller's number.

Committee amendment "A" (H-888), which was the majority report of the committee, proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to require telephone utilities that provide caller-ID services to offer subscribers per-line blocking and free per-call blocking of caller-ID services. Per-line blocking would be required to be offered free to a subscriber for the first per-line blocking and the first per-line unblocking of the subscriber's line.

House amendment "A" (H-912) strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment does the following: provides a definition of caller-ID services; corrects a technical error in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, where 2 different provisions were enacted with the same section number; requires telephone utilities that provide caller-ID services and to offer to all customers free per-call blocking of caller-ID services to offer per-line blocking to individuals, agencies and groups that submit a written request to the telephone utility asserting a specific need for per-line blocking for reasons of health and safety (the first per-line blocking and unblocking must be provided to subscribers without charge); prohibits telephone utilities from disclosing information concerning requests for per-line blocking except as otherwise required by law.

LD 1649 An Act to Promote the Access of Cable Television to Maine Citizens

ONTP

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CLARK H	ONTP	
PRAY		
CARPENTER		
MORRISON		

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to correct an error and inconsistency in the law by clarifying that all cable TV franchises are to be exclusive. The bill also proposed to require that, in instances where more than one cable company holds a franchise in a given municipality, no one company may be given a franchise with more favorable or less burdensome terms than those which are granted to its competitor. Finally, this bill proposed to provide an explicit formula by which the Public Utilities Commission would determine pole attachment rates paid by cable television systems to utilities in instances where the Public Utilities Commission exercises jurisdiction in order to resolve a rate dispute. The proposed formula is modeled on federal law. The issues in this bill were dealt with in LD 2082.