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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.

LD 1698 An Act to Promote Participation in Affordable Telephone Service

PUBLIC 352

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ADAMS GRAY VOSE	OTP-AM	H-368

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the Public Utilities Commission must require local telephone companies to participate in a statewide outreach program designed to increase the number of low-income telephone customers with access to telephone service. The committee amendment (H-368) clarifies that more than one telephone utility outreach program may be mandated by the Public Utilities Commission. Also, the amendment adds a new section requiring the commission to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities by January 15, 1992 on programs it has adopted or that it suggests for implementation of this provision.

LD 1735 Resolve, Authorizing the Conveyance of a Utility Easement to the City of Belfast

RESOLVE 13

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R R	OTP-AM	S-173

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to grant a utility easement in a strip of land crossing Belfast Armory in the City of Belfast. The easement includes water, sewer and electric transmission rights in the location of an existing water main.

LD 1777 An Act to Deregulate Mobile Telecommunications Services

PUBLIC 342

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK H VOSE CARPENTER AIKMAN	OTP-AM	H-411

SUMMARY

This bill deregulates mobile telecommunications services including cellular telephone services. It provides that the Public Utilities Commission may continue to regulate mobile telecommunications services in those instances where one entity exclusively controls the radio frequency spectrum assigned by the Federal Communications Commission for the provision of service to the service area. This bill requires a separate accounting of mobile telecommunications services offered by public utilities. The Public Utilities Commission may exempt a public utility from this requirement. The committee amendment (H-411) allows the commission to continue to regulate basic exchange service offered by providers of mobile telecommunications services.