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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>

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 1783 An Act to Amend the Waldoboro Sewer District Charter

P & S 34

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SPEAR	OTP-AM	H-370
		H-387 CLARK H
		H-430 TAMMARO
		H-550 CLARK H

SUMMARY

This bill changes the name of the Waldoboro Sewer District to the Waldoboro Utility District. This bill also makes technical changes to update the language of the charter. The bill raises the debt limit of the district from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and raises the amount of single expenditures which may be made by the trustees without district vote. The bill authorizes the district to purchase all the assets of the Waldoboro Water Company. The bill proposed to grant to the district a special power of eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring the entire plant, properties, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Waldoboro Water Company. The provisions of the bill having to do with raising the debt limit and authorizing the district to purchase the Waldoboro Water Company are subject to approval by a referendum in the district.

House Amendment A (H-387) removes the provision granting eminent domain power to the district.

House Amendments B (H-430) and C (H-550) correct technical errors in the original bill.

LD 1823 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Ogunquit Sewer District

**P & S 22
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARLETON	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill increases the debt limit of the Ogunquit Sewer District from \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000. This bill becomes effective upon approval by the voters of the Town of Ogunquit.

LD 1852 An Act to Encourage the Development of Alternative Energy Sources

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB ANDERSON		

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to require electric utilities purchasing power from qualifying small power producers or cogenerators that use wind, water, methane or solar power as the primary energy source to pay the higher of the following: the first decrement rates or an avoided cost rate which includes environmental externalities in its calculation. This bill proposes specifically to address rate petitions that were, contemporaneous with the bill's submission, before the Public Utilities Commission involving the Foss Mill Hydroelectric Station and the North New Portland Energy Corporation.