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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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:

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|----------------------------|--|
| 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 |

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, 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 1896 **Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Analyze the Minimization of Electric Rates as an Integral Factor in the State's Least Cost Energy Plan** **ONTP**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PRAY CARPENTER CLARK H MORRISON | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This resolve proposed to direct the Public Utilities Commission to work with the State Planning Office, the Public Advocate and the State's electric utilities and their customers to study and analyze how electric rate minimization, as opposed to bill minimization, could become the chief factor in least cost energy planning and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities by January 20, 1992 with legislation to effectuate this result.

LD 1996 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Telecommunications Interexchange Carrier Selection** **PUBLIC 660
EMERGENCY**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| VOSE | OTP-AM | S-542 |

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to amend the law relating to "slamming". In the first session of the 115th Legislature, a bill was passed prohibiting "slamming", that is, prohibiting a local exchange carrier from changing a telephone customer's presubscribed interexchange carrier without first having received written authorization signed by the telephone subscriber from the requesting interexchange carrier. The bill proposed to amend the provision so that the authorization need only come from the requesting interexchange carrier in whatever form that carrier desired, without need of any authorization from the customer.

Under the committee amendment (S-542) the anti-"slamming" provision is simply repealed in its entirety.

LD 2002 **An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District** **P & S 76**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MILLS LUTHER ERWIN | OTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the trustees of the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District to set aside, use and invest funds. Funds may be invested in the same manner as municipal officers are permitted by law to invest municipal funds. The bill also updates certain statutory references.