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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

LD 2059 An Act to Require Reporting of Daily Routine Releases of Radioactive Materials

PUBLIC 689

SPONSOR(S)
HOLT
KANY
JACQUES
KILKELLY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-939

SUMMARY

This bill changes the law requiring a nuclear power plant to provide notice of releases of radioactive materials. This bill requires notice of routine or continuous emissions of radioactive materials in every 24-hour period to be made within the next 24-hour period. The bill also proposed to require that notice of a scheduled release be followed up by notice describing the actual release within 24 hours of the release. The committee amendment (H-939) eliminated this latter proposed notice requirement.

LD 2070 An Act to Ensure the Retention of Utility Lines Crossing Railroad Property

PUBLIC 743

SPONSOR(S)
PARADIS P
MARSANO
GAUVREAU

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1036

SUMMARY

This bill would have given public utilities, upon the abandonment of service by a railroad company, an easement in the railroad right-of-way for the purpose of maintaining and replacing existing utility installations. The bill also would have allowed utilities to take by eminent domain railroad property for siting transmission lines unless the lines would substantially interfere with railroad service.

The committee amendment (H-1036) strikes the bill and replaces it with language which gives explicit jurisdiction to the PUC to resolve disputes arising out of agreements between railroad companies and telephone or electric utilities if the parties have agreed that the commission shall resolve those disputes.

LD 2082 An Act Pertaining to Pole Attachment Rate Disputes

PUBLIC 708

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK H
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-991

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to transfer the jurisdiction for settling pole attachment rate disputes from the Public Utilities Commission to the Federal Communications Commission.

The committee amendment (H-991) strikes the language of the bill and replaces it with language that requires the PUC to adopt rules governing pole attachment rate disputes. The commission is directed to consider various formulas, among them the formula adopted by the FCC. Nothing in this amendment requires the commission to adopt or give greater weight in its deliberations to the federal formula. The rules are to be adopted no later than 1 year after the effective date of the Act.