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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:

PUBLIC XXX
P&S XXX
RESOLVE XXX
CON RES XXX
EMERGENCY
CARRIED OVER
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT
DIED BETWEEN BODIES
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
VETO SUSTAINED
UNSIGNED
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law
Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
Chapter # of enacted Resolve
Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
Bill carried over to Special Session
Ought Not to Pass report accepted
Leave to Withdraw report accepted
Bill Indefinitely Postponed
Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
House and Senate disagree; bill died
Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
Not signed by Governor within 10 days
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 2359 An Act Regarding the Charter for Kennebunk, Kennebunkport

OTP

P & S 79

and Wells Water District

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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LIBBY

SUMMARY

This bill amends the date that trustees of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District begin their term of office to the first Monday of July. The bill also provides interim transition authority for any trustee currently serving by authorizing the trustee to continue until the new commencement date.

LD 2367

An Act to Create the Searsmont Village Water District

P & S 85

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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OTP-AM

H-1009

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Searsmont Village Water District. The committee amendment (H-1009), makes several technical corrections and excepts the referendum provisions of the bill from the municipal mandate law.

LD 2368

An Act to Create the Dresden Mills Water District

P & S 87

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HOLT

OTP-AM

H-1017

HOLLOWAY

H-1021 HOLT

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Dresden Mills Water District. The committee amendment (H-1017) makes technical corrections, exempts the referendum provisions of the bill from the municipal mandate law. The House amendment (H—1021) requires the district to assume all rights and responsibilities of the Town of Dresden under contracts entered into between the town and the Department of Environmental Protection.

LD 2395

An Act Regarding Industrial Electrical Rates

PUBLIC 769

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CLEVELAND

WEBSTER

S-621 **CLEVELAND**

SUMMARY

This bill had a suggested reference to the Utilities Committee, but was not referred; rather it was tabled in the Senate pending Utilities Committee recommendations.

Section 1 of the bill proposed to require that, in any rate design case conducted by the Public Utilities Commission after April 1, 1992, the commission should determine interruptible rates consistent with and by reference to its determination of utility peaking capacity costs.