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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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4. Requires that if the utility has filed a watershed control program with the Department of Human Services then money from the water supply protection fund expended for watershed protection must be in conformity with that program.

LD 133 An Act Related to Private Facilities in the Public Way

PUBLIC 18

SPONSOR(S)

VOSE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-27

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to provide that private construction of electric lines in a public way be limited to construction by landowners whose land abuts the way. Construction of lines across a public way would have been limited to construction by an abutting landowner who owns property on either side of the public way.

The committee amendment (S-27) replaces the bill.

Under this amendment, nonutilities that wish to construct and maintain facilities in public ways maintained by municipalities must, in addition to satisfying all existing requirements, obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission certifying that the facility will not interfere with utility service to other customers. There is an exception from commission approval for facilities that run only a very short distance, 30 feet, beyond the nonutility's property line.

This amendment also provides that an electric utility may not electrify any line not constructed by an electric utility unless the electric utility obtains certification that the above requirements have been met.

LD 155 An Act Concerning Fair Electric Rates

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

DONNELLY

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish a 12-month time frame for rate design decisions by the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 176 An Act Regarding the Removal of Public Utility Commission Commissioners

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

LUTHER

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to provide that a commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission may be removed by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the elected members of the House of Representatives.