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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH 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.

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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LD 387 **An Act to Require Accountability for Bulk-billed Telephone Services** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAEL COFFMAN	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require telephone utilities that offer bulk-billed discount services to customers who make or receive large volumes of intrastate toll calls to provide to those customers at a reasonable cost an itemized accounting of all toll calls made or received that are covered by the bulk-billing service.

LD 448 **An Act to Exempt Small Businesses from Demand Charges on Electric Rates** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PLOURDE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to exempt small businesses with 25 or fewer employees from demand charges in electric rates.

LD 467 **An Act to Allow Emergency Interruption of Telephone Service for Law Enforcement Purposes** PUBLIC 31

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DONNELLY	OTP-AM	H-42

SUMMARY

This bill enables law enforcement officers to control the telephone communications of a person who is suspected of holding a hostage while committing a crime or who is resisting apprehension. The purpose is to allow negotiations that may lead to a nonviolent resolution of the incident, without interference from uninvolved persons.

The committee amendment (H-42) adds a fiscal note.

LD 484 **An Act to Amend the Maine Nuclear Emergency Planning Act** PUBLIC 102
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL	OTP-AM	S-68

SUMMARY

This bill amends existing law by increasing the annual fee for nuclear power reactor license holders for the next 2 years. Increased activity in emergency planning for nuclear power reactor licensees is required by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The increased cost must be borne by the