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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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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 957 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Newport Water District**

P & S 11  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TARDY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-134

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the charter of the Newport Water District by amending the territory to include part of the Town of Palmyra and also to add 2 additional members to the board of trustees. The bill also proposed to amend the compensation that the board members receive for attending board meetings.

The committee amendment (H-134) strikes and replaces the bill. Under this amendment the Newport Water District is authorized to contract with the Town of Palmyra or with persons or businesses in the Town of Palmyra for the purpose of supplying water to those who wish to purchase water.

**LD 960 An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Certain Sources of Energy until a State Energy Policy Is Adopted**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GRAY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to establish a total least-cost energy policy. The bill also proposed to impose a moratorium on the permitting, construction or operation of electric generation plants fired by fossil fuel, except for natural gas, until June 1, 1995 and to provide for a report by the Public Utilities Commission by March 1, 1995 so that the Legislature might determine whether an extension of the moratorium or enactment of other measures were necessary.

**LD 1007 An Act to Enhance Competition in Electric Utilities**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CARPENTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to exempt from the regulatory approval and conditioning requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 708, transactions to establish and invest in exempt wholesale generators as defined in the federal Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and transactions and investments for the purpose of engaging in consulting and project management services.

**LD 1012 An Act to Amend the Waldoboro Utility District Charter**

P & S 33

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SPEAR  
BEGLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-225  
S-164 VOSE

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed (erroneously) to increase the number of trustees of the Waldoboro Water District from 3 to 5.