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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&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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This bill was submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions.

Pursuant to that law, the boards and commissions were grouped by the subject areas within the jurisdiction of each joint standing committee and each special select committee. This bill proposed to repeal the boards identified within the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities.

**LD 1119      An Act to Deregulate Consumer-owned Electric Utilities      CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PARADIS J CLARK		

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to allow consumer-owned electric utilities with elected boards to choose to regulate themselves and to be relieved of payment of the regulatory assessment.

**LD 1135      An Act to Protect Electric Ratepayers from Unnecessary Rate Increases      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LUTHER ADAMS	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to prohibit an electric utility from accruing electric rate adjustment mechanism ("ERAM") revenues on its books of account until such time as the revenues are actually allowed and reflected in rates.

**LD 1158      An Act Concerning the Installation of Cable and Other Utility Lines      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RUHLIN	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow municipal licensing authorities to require that the installation of wires on utility poles result in sufficient space on the poles for cable and other utility lines.

**LD 1239      An Act to Amend the Charter of the East Pittston Water District      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FARNSWORTH	ONTP	