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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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**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the charter of the East Pittston Water District by making the property of the district exempt from all taxation in the Town of Pittston.

**LD 1248      An Act to Require Provision of Information to Consumers      ONTP**  
**by the Public Utilities Commission**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LEMKE	ONTP      MAJ	
	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the Public Utilities Commission to provide to customers of a public utility information stating the utility's profits and a summary of its rates, tolls and charges.

**LD 1261      An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kingfield Water District      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the charter of the Kingfield Water District to require approval by the inhabitants of the town before the trustees of the water district borrow money.

**LD 1325      An Act to Decrease the Cost of Purchased Power to      ONTP**  
**Electric Utility Customers in the State**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require use of a discount rate for determining the value of power purchase contracts (for purposes of buy-outs or buy-downs) that is not higher than the cost of debt to finance the buy-out or buy-down of the contract. The bill also proposed to allow the cost of such buy-outs or buy-downs to be flowed through the fuel adjustment clause, in the same manner by which the cost of power purchased is recovered today.

**LD 1326      An Act to Require that All Interest on Escrowed Assessments      CARRIED OVER**  
**on Utilities Be Used for the Benefit of the Public Utilities**  
**Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLEVELAND	OTP-AM	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to require that after July 1, 1995, all interest on funds or investments from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund and the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund be credited to those funds.