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### State Of Maine 121st Legislature

## First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee Utilities and Energy

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### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212	Bills carried over to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Session
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	
DIED IN CONCURRENCEOne bo	dy accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 daysEmergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT	Bill failed to get majority voteBill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY	
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND	
P&S XXX	
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
UNSIGNED	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

### Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

#### LD 1053 An Act To Enhance Renewable Power

**ONTP** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MILLS P	ONTP	

LD 1053 proposed to impose, beginning January 1, 2004, assessments on the retail sale of electricity generated by the use of coal, oil and natural gas and direct the Public Utilities Commission to establish by rule a program to use the revenues from this assessment to reduce the cost to consumers of electricity generated by the use of renewable resources. This bill also proposed to change the name of the Renewable Resource Fund to the Voluntary Eligible Renewable Resource Fund to distinguish it from the Maine Renewable Resource Fund created by the bill.

LD 1148

Resolve, To Establish the Maine Networked Services Task Force

**ONTP** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MILLS P	ONTP	

LD 1148 proposed to establish the Maine Networked Services Task Force to study and evaluate the delivery system for networked services such as telecommunications, Internet service, cable television services and electricity.

### LD 1157 An Act To Promote Clean and Efficient Energy

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
RRENNAN		

LD 1157 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposed to support clean and efficient energy in Maine by:

- 1. Increasing funding for energy efficiency by establishing a single, statewide system benefit charge for Maine's electricity efficiency program of .15 cents per kilowatt hour in 2003, .25 cents per kilowatt hour in 2006 and .30 cents per kilowatt hour starting in 2008;
- 2. Establishing new appliance and equipment energy standards for 15 products not currently covered by federal standards:
- 3. Increasing renewable energy production in Maine by amending the State's renewable energy portfolio standard to gradually increase the percentage of electricity products sold in Maine that are composed of clean, new renewable energy; and
- 4. Increasing energy efficient building construction by requiring that the so-called "LEED Green Building Standards" be established as the new residential building code in Maine and requiring the State to use this standard for all new state buildings and renovations of state buildings. The bill proposed also to increase enforcement of building codes to ensure compliance. (See LD 1261.)