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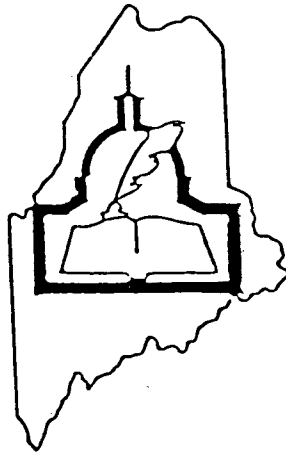
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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STATE OF MAINE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC UTILITIES
BILL SUMMARY



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(Committee Report)

BILLS NOT ENACTED

1045	AN ACT TO ENSURE FUNDING FOR THE EVENTUAL SPENT FUEL DISPOSAL AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS	Michael Kany	ONTP SA S-322 (carryover from 1st Reg. Session)
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SUMMARY: The bill would establish a trust fund for spent fuel disposal, funded by electric rates, and regulated by PUC. The concept is similar to the nuclear decommissioning trust fund in present law. Senate Amendment "A" (not adopted) offered a simplified version that would have required the money which was collected for fuel burned before April 7, 1983 to be turned over to U.D. Department of Energy by January 1, 1985 to pay all fees for disposal of that spent fuel. This recognizes that payment is already being made to Department of Energy for spent fuel generated since that date.

1765	AN ACT TO CREATE THE WISCASSET WATER DISTRICT	Soule	OTP-ND See LD 2326 (carryover from 1st Reg. Session)
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SUMMARY: The bill creates a new water district in Wiscasset to acquire the plant of the Maine Water Co. serving the town. Formation is subject to referendum. NOTE: LD 2242 is an incorrect version of the new draft.

1812	AN ACT TO ENSURE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR RULEMAKING	Vose	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: The bill requires PUC to complete within 180 days any rulemaking resulting from a petition. Present laws allow 60 days to decide whether to go to rulemaking, but there is no time limit on the rulemaking proceeding.

1813	AN ACT TO ENSURE TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED TARIFFS	Vose	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: The bill provides a 30 day limit for revised rates to be placed in effect by the PUC if it finds that a rate schedule proposed by a public utility is not reasonable, or if the Law Court finds that a rate schedule ordered by the PUC is not reasonable. At present there is no time for these adjustments.

1828	AN ACT TO CLARIFY UTILITY FINANCING OF ENERGY CONSERVATION	Ridley Weymouth Vose Emerson	OTP-ND See LD 2323
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SUMMARY: The bill makes it clear that utilities are to be reimbursed for the incremental cost of any conservation program mandated by PUC. It also allows recovery of those costs immediately, without waiting for the next rate case.