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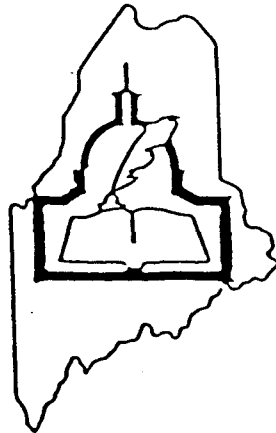
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The Committee Amendment (H-529) removes the \$100,000 limit, makes it clear that the alternative schedule is permissive, not mandatory and adds a fiscal note.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE YORK WATER LVWD
1721 DISTRICT

Sponsor: ROLDE
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes financing of water system expansion by assessment of a system development charge on new customers and those who increase their demand (See LD 1745)

LD AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LAWS GOVERNING PL 1985
1723 PUBLIC UTILITIES c. 629

Sponsor: BALDACCI, Richard, Clark, H., Nicholson
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-424 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill was submitted by the PUC and includes a number of relatively minor changes and clarifications in Title 35:

(1) Requires notice of and authorizes PUC review of projects rebuilding or relocating transmission lines of 100 kilovolts or more;

(2) Technical;

(3) The PUC Reimbursement Fund receives filing fees and is used to pay expenses related to the filing. This bill would treat photocopying and similar fees the same way;

(4) Requires municipal & quasi-municipal water utilities to include specific rate information in the notice they must give if they elect to set their own rates under §72;

(5) Under present law, municipal & quasi-municipal water utilities may collect an extra 5% in rates for a contingency fund. This bill repeals a requirement that excess funds collected in this way be applied to a sinking fund, to retire debt or returned to the ratepayers. It allows but does not require that excessive surplus be used to reduce future rates;