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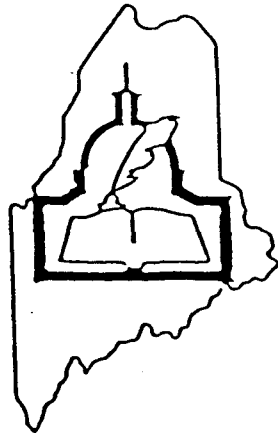
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

SUMMARY: The Brunswick Sewer District Charter contains two sets of provisions relating to issuance of bonds, notes, etc. Section 31 of the Brunswick Sewer District Charter (P&SL 1981, c. 103). The other is Title 38, Section 1201 which is incorporated into the charter by subsection 4 of section 31 of that charter. That subsection states in brief that, "Bonds...shall be issued in accordance with...(38 MRSA §1201) unless otherwise specified in this charter.

The bill states there are some inconsistencies between these two sets of provisions, but does not identify them.

LD AN ACT TO FAIRLY APPORTION THE COST OF NEW ND LD 2359
1745 WATER UTILITY SERVICES

Sponsor: MURPHY, T., Rolde, Maybury, Clark, N.
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities to finance system expansion by assessing a system development charge on customers who require new connections or who expand their demand for water service. PUC approval is required only if the customers so petition. Fire service is exempt from the assessment. The assessment goes into a special fund and is not treated as income to the utility. (See LD 1747)

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE KENNEBUNK, LVWD
1746 KENNEBUNKPORT AND WELLS WATER DISTRICT

Sponsor: MURPHY, T., Dutremble, Seavey, Wentworth
Committee Report: LVWD

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

LD AN ACT TO FAIRLY APPORTION THE COST OF WATER ND LD 2357
1747 SYSTEM EXTENSIONS AND EXPANSIONS

Sponsor: ROLDE, Clark, N., Murphy, T.
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities to require new customers to pay in advance the cost of system expansions or extensions. (See LD 1745)

LD AN ACT TO REVIEW THE NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC LVWD
1788 POWER AGREEMENT

Sponsor: KANY, Andrews, Clark, H., Vose
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill requires the Public Advocate to review the New England Electric Power Pool (NEPOOL) agreement and allocates \$50,000 from the PUC Regulatory Fund for that purpose. The PUC would consider the findings of that review in future rate cases. The agreement as a whole has never been subject to regulatory review.

Central Maine Power and Bangor Hydro are members of that agreement which dispatches power centrally for most of New England. Members are paid by the pool for power and capacity which they supply and are paid for that which they receive. Recently, NEPOOL voted to increase the reserve margin requirement from 20% to 23%. This will cost Maine utilities money.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE WATERVILLE SEWERAGE P&SL 1985
1816 DISTRICT CHARTER c. 99

Sponsor: JOSEPH, Kany, Jacques, Lacroix
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-586 CA H S

SUMMARY: The bill places in the Waterville Sewer District Charter a number of provisions conforming to procedures that are required by the Public Laws 38 MRSA...These include eminent domain; extensions and expansions; connection policy; meetings; rates and public notice.

The Committee Amendment (H-586) adds the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38 to the District's Charter. It also makes technical changes to conform to the language of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38. In addition, the distance within which buildings are required to connect is increased from 100 to 200 feet to conform to the Sanitary District Enabling Act Title 38, section 1161. Buildings with satisfactory existing private systems at the time the sewer becomes available are not required to connect as long as the system operates satisfactorily.