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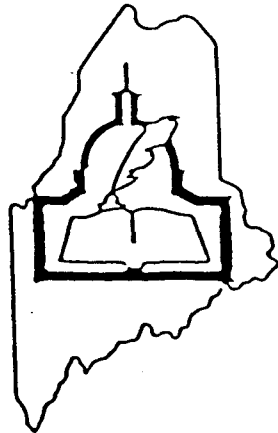
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE DESIGN STABILITY  
1840 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION

PL 1985  
c. 635  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin, J., Violette, Cashman  
Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP

S-417 CA H S

SUMMARY: In 1958, as part of An Act to Promote Industrial Stability (LD 1652, PL c. 433), the PUC was required to assure rate stability in rate cases and "10-party complaints" and to consider rate stability in rate design and conservation improvements.

The present bill makes it clear that it is the stability of the rate design not necessarily of the rates themselves that is to be assured.

The Committee Amendment (S-417) restores the original word "consider." It retains the intent of the bill to use the phrase "rate design stability" throughout rather than "rate stability." It is noted that the original statement of fact was in error. It should have read.

"The purpose of this bill is to clarify the Public Utilities Commission's rate design stability responsibilities. It makes clear that the concept of rate design stability is intended to apply to rate design issues and not to overall revenue needs of the utility."

LD AN ACT CONCERNING FILING FEES TO THE PUBLIC  
1852 UTILITIES COMMISSION

PL 1985  
c. 604

Sponsor: ANDREWS, McHenry, Clark, H., Richard  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes the PUC to collect filing fees up to \$50,000 in reorganization cases and up to \$1,000 per megawatt in cogeneration and small power production cases. This is similar to the practice for certificates of public convenience and necessity for major construction and for certain other unusual PUC reviews that are likely to require consultants help. Excess funds are returned to the utility.