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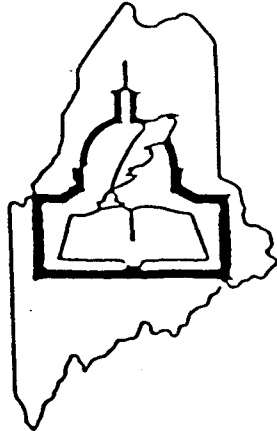
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged 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: This new draft provides extensive protection to residents of Pembroke, while meeting the water supply needs of the water district. Withdrawals by the district are limited to the lesser of 500,000 gallons per day or the sustainable yield of the aquifer. In the event that any well on the aquifer is adversely affected, the district will restore the well or provide a free hookup to the system. The district will set up an escrow fund of \$10,000 for that purpose. Finally, the district will provide service on request, at customary rates to any resident of Pembroke.

The new draft was enacted, but recalled from the Governors desk, recommitted, and held for the Special Session.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE
2317 SERVICE PROGRAM

H-INDEF PP
S-OTP-AM

Sponsor: BALDACCI, Vose
Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP

S-464 CA S

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a credit for certain low-income users in order to help them continue to have basic telephone service.

The Federal Communications Commission now imposes a \$1 per month access charge for residential customers. In June 1986, the charge will be raised to \$2. The Federal Communications Commission will waive the \$2 charge for low-income customers if a state provides a matching \$2 per month per eligible customer. The total state-federal reduction is \$4 per month.

The Committee Amendment (S-464) changes the title of the bill to reflect the nature of the program, to assist low-income telephone users. It also clarifies the appropriation language.