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BILL SUMMARY



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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: ALLEN, Holt, Nicholson, Erwin E.
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Current law requires Public Utilities Commission approval of a utility's transfer of any property which is necessary or useful in performing its duties. The bill adds a direct statement that similar Public Utilities Commission approval is required for property under construction. Current law exempts property of any utility owned and operated exclusively out-of-state. The bill adds a direct statement that the exemption does not apply to property for the performance of the utility's duties in the state.

Sponsor: T. MURPHY, Jr., Dutremble, Rolde, Seavey
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: In 1986 the legislature enacted section 73-A of Title 35, which authorizes municipal and quasi-municipal water utilities to assess a system development charge on customers who require new connections or who substantially increase their demand.

This bill amends the charter of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District to include a similar section.

Sponsor: VOSE, Erwin, E., Nicholson
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-31 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund is supported by an annual assessment on the utilities regulated by the commission. The assessment is allocated among the utilities based on their intrastate gross operating revenues. The assessment was \$2,079,000 for FY 1986-87. The bill increases the assessment to \$2,219,000 for FY 1987-88 and \$2,309,000 for FY 1988-89, and allocates the increase to "all other". (The basic allocation of this fund is in another bill, LD 198).