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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

LD AN ACT TO PERMIT OWNERSHIP OF TELEPHONE PAY LVWD
260 STATIONS BY PERSONS OTHER THAN PUBLIC UTILITIES

Sponsor: DORE, Mayo
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The intent of this bill is to permit, by statute, private ownership of pay telephones. Under a recent PUC rule, private ownership has been permitted if specified requirements are met.

LD AN ACT FOR TIMELY CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN PL 1987
270 EXTENSIONS c. 97

Sponsor: H. CLARK, Vose, Baker, Kerry
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Under section 3296 of Title 35, when a water utility line is to be constructed across a railroad, if the parties cannot agree, the Public Utilities Commission determines the place, manner and conditions of crossing. The bill adds Public Utilities Commission determination of the time of crossing.

LD AN ACT TO FAIRLY APPORTION THE COST OF NEW LVWD
310 WATER UTILITY EXPANSION

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

SUMMARY: Section 73-A of Title 35 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 repeals the requirement for automatic Public Utilities Commission review. It leaves intact the utility's option to request Public Utilities Commission review and the option of the lesser of 1000 or 15% of the customers to obtain Public Utilities Commission review by petition under section 72.

This bill also defines just and reasonable system development charges as not requiring any investment by the utility nor any adjustment based on anticipated future income from the new customers.