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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 AMEND THE ELECTRIC RATE REFORM ACT
746 AS IT APPLIES TO COST RECOVERY FOR UTILITY
FINANCING OF ENERGY CONSERVATION

PL 1987
c. 120

Sponsor: USHER,
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-42 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The Electric Rate Reform Act authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to require electric utilities to develop energy conservation proposals which will minimize the need for new generating capacity and minimize the cost of electricity to consumers including: load management, marginal cost pricing, conservation policies, conservation rates and utility financing of conservation investment by ratepayers. The Act also assures that the utility will recover the costs of implementing these measures. This bill applies the financing provision to allow investment in fuels other than electricity if they will result in substantial conservation of electricity. The extent to which that is authorized under present law is unclear.

The committee amendment clarifies the language, but retains the purpose of the original bill to ensure that utilities can recover costs for approved conservation projects even if they result in savings in fuel other than electricity.

The amendment does not change any authority the commission may have relative to fuel switching by customers.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE RANGELEY
831 WATER DISTRICT TO PURCHASE THE RANGELEY WATER
COMPANY PLANT

P&SL 1987
c. 16

Sponsor: MILLS, Erwin, E.,
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The Rangeley Water District was created in 1984 by enactment of Private and Special Law 1983, chapter 89 and by referendum in the district on November 6, 1984. Under section 17 the Act becomes inoperative if the district fails to acquire the water company plant or file a petition for that acquisition within 2 years. The 2 years ended without either of those steps being taken. This bill extends the time for an additional year and 4 months.