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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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: VOSE, Clark N, Paradis P, Webster M,
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 670

SUMMARY: The original bill was intended to govern the relationship between landlords, tenants and cable television operators. The bill imposes a fine of \$100 for every person who affixes to property a structure, fixture, wire or other apparatus without the consent of the owner of the property. It provides a system for cable operators to obtain the the approval of the owners of the property for installation of cable facilities (a) by requiring written consent of the owner which can be denied only for "good cause" or (b) by providing a system which guarantees that the cable operator can install facilities at a "reasonable" charge to the operator while notifying and working with the owner of the property to install facilities. The bill provides that a landlord may not discriminate in charges to tenants on the basis of whether the tenant receives cable services.

The new draft removes all references to mobile homes, deleting mobile home owners from the scope of the new draft.

The new draft also enacts laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, rather than Title 35; includes a definition of "multiple dwelling unit;" and includes a requirement for notice to the owner that describes the owner's rights and responsibilities.

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT SALARIES, PERQUISITES AND
1755 OTHER COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVES OF REGULATED
UTILITY COMPANIES ARE JUST AND REASONABLE AND
DO NOT UNFAIRLY INCREASE UTILITY RATES

Sponsor: HOLT, Allen, Reeves
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1002

SUMMARY: The original bill required the Public Utilities Commission to establish salary guidelines for compensation of utility executives. It also prohibited charging of director's compensation and expenses to ratepayers.

The new draft replaces the bill with language emphasizing the present ability of the Public Utilities Commission to consider utility executive salaries in determining just and reasonable rates.