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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 CONCERNING WHOLESALE POWER PURCHASES
1756. BY CONSUMER-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES

PL 1987
c. 378

Sponsor: VOSE, Paradis E,
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 662

SUMMARY: The new draft adds to present law provision for Public Utilities Commission approval of a long-range energy plan for any consumer-owned electric utility, filed on the utility's own initiative or pursuant to commission order. A consumer-owned electric utility is prohibited from agreeing to an extension of an existing wholesale power contract, which is exempted from prior review if the extension is inconsistent with an approved plan.

As in the original bill, extensions of existing wholesale power contracts by consumer-owned electric utilities which are subject to review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are exempt from prior review by the Public Utilities Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3133, formerly Title 35, section 13-B.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD
1766 TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOT ACCEPTED

Sponsor: RYDELL, Reeves, Holt, Andrews
Committee Report: Min Rpt: New Draft of LD 1025

SUMMARY: This new draft simplifies the bill, which will allow citizens a greater role in the rate-making process. The Consumer Advisory Board will cooperate with the Office of the Public Advocate.