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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: WEBSTER M, Clark H, Bragg, Baldacci
Committee Report: Maj. Rpt. New Draft of LD 1148

SUMMARY: This new draft modifies the existing residential electric hook-up fee policy of the Public Utilities Commission to provide a positive incentive for conservation while retaining the principle of the Electric Rate Reform Act that costs should be assigned to customers who cause them so that builders should be assessed a charge for choosing construction techniques that add to the utility system's peak capacity requirement.

The new draft eliminates the hook-up fee for homes that meet efficiency criteria approved by the commission similar to Central Maine Power's "good cents" home criteria, as well as for any home which has a controlled off-peak storage heat system. For technical and safety reasons, the new draft increases the exempt service level from 100 to 125 amperes and exempts upgrades of services existing before September 15, 1987.

Sponsor: WEBSTER M, Clark H, Bragg, Baldacci
Committee Report: New Draft Min. Rpt. of LD 1148
Amendments Adopted:
H-390 VOSE

SUMMARY: The Public Utilities Commission approved a hook-up fee for new service entrances exceeding 100 amperes in order to contribute to the cost of future generating capacity. This new draft clarifies and extends the intent of the bill, to prohibit such fees, and requires the refusal of any such fees that have been paid. The House amendment adds an emergency clause.