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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
1773

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF TELECOM-
MUNICATION DEVICES FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH
IMPAIRED IN PUBLIC FACILITIES

PL 1987
c. 503

Sponsor: MELENDY, Connolly, Kilkelly, Perkins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1063

SUMMARY: This new draft modifies the original bill to make a reasonable step toward equal access for speech or hearing impaired persons to public telephones without excessive cost. The new draft restricts the requirement in state buildings to those with a primary function of delivery of services to the general public and implements the program in accordance with a plan, to be developed by the Bureau of Rehabilitation and the Department of Administration. For other public facilities, the new draft selects 3 categories: Airports; bus and train terminals; and hospitals and requires the owner or manager of the public facility to provide a telecommunication device for the hearing and speech impaired.

LD
1779

AN ACT RELATING TO SIGNIFICANT ENERGY AGREEMENTS
AND CONTRACTS BY ELECTRIC UTILITIES

PL 1987
c. 387

Sponsor: KANY, Kerry, Erwin E, Richard
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 993

SUMMARY: The new draft adds to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132, a provision similar to section 3133, that issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity establishes that as of the date of issuance of the certificate, the utility's decision is prudent.

The new draft retains the provision of the original bill which enacts a new section requiring the Public Utilities Commission approval for significant agreements and contracts. Contracts covered are limited to those major energy and capacity contracts which are not currently subject to the commission's approval, but contracts with cogenerators and small power producers are excluded.

The new draft retains to provisions of the original bill which authorizes the Public Utilities Commission review of amendments under sections 3122 and 3133 but substitutes a 7-day notification procedure for contracts which predate the requirement of the Public Utilities Commission wishes to review, it may do so using authority elsewhere in the law.

The new draft also allows the Public Utilities Commission to grant waivers of the notice and review requirements. If the waiver is not granted within 30 days it is deemed granted.