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BILL SUMMARY



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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
1863

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LAWS GOVERNING
PUBLIC UTILITIES

PL 1987
c. 490

Sponsor: WILLEY, Weymouth
Committee Report:

SUMMARY: The original bill was introduced on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission to make a number of small but substantive changes in the utilities laws. These include: amending various filing fee laws to provide a uniform 30-day period within which the Public Utilities Commission must rule on requests for waiver of the fee; updating the penalty provisions for customers who seek or receive unlawful preference from a public utility, and adding a specific penalty for utilities which offer or make an unlawful preference; clarifying that orders of the Public Utilities Commission are effective upon signature of the administrative director, unless otherwise directed by the commission; the bill also deletes from Title 37-B language which could be read to imply a responsibility of the Public Utilities Commission to make safety inspections of dams. Under legislation enacted in 1983 (38MRSA§820), it is now the responsibility of DEP to inspect dams that are not federally licensed and inspected.

The new draft conforms the bill to new Title 35-A. Part B repeals and reenacts five bills previously enacted in this session in order to make them conform to new Title 35-A. Part C includes a number of other minor substantive changes developed by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities during its review of title 35.