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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Provide a Definition of Small Electric Utilities LV/WD
1938

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VOSE LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill would require the PUC to state if a proposed rule would have a disproportionate effect on electric utilities with total assets of less than \$40,000,000.

LD An Act to Clarify the Status of Meetings and Records of the PUBLIC
1967 Public Utilities Commission Under the Freedom of Access Law 614

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RICHARD OTP-AM H-459
ERWIN E
WILLEY

SUMMARY

The original bill would reinstate as criteria for notice of public proceedings the standards on expenditure of public funds or taxation or the adoption of policy. It would also provide for confidentiality of certain records of the Consumer Assistance Division.

The Committee Amendment provides that decisions of the Consumer Assistance Division which are publicly accessible shall be prepared in a way that does not disclose confidential customer information. It also changes the requirement of disclosure of customer information to the utility or agency involved to narrow the range of information that must be provided to that which is pertinent to the complaint.

LD An Act to Modernize the Definition of Telecommunications LV/WD
1999 Utilities Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Public
Utilities Commission

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK N LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill would establish a new definition of telephone utility to account for changes in the field of telecommunications.