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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::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*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 Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

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LD An Act to Authorize an Increase in Membership of the Brewer LV/WD  
2003 Water District

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MAYBURY RUHLIN TUPPER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill would increase the number of trustees of the Brewer Water District from 3 to 5.

LD An Act to Make Changes to the Public Utilities Law PUBLIC  
2004 628

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ERWIN E WILLEY	OTP-AM	S-333

SUMMARY

This bill was submitted by the PUC to make minor changes in public utilities law as follows:

1. Clarify the definition of utility "customer";
2. Amend the procedural requirements for rate cases of noninvestor-owned water utilities under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6104, to conform to the requirements for noninvestor-owned electric utilities under Title 35-A, section 3502; and
3. Clarify the laws on handicap access to public telephone stations, including reconciling differences between the laws in Title 25 and Title 35-A.

The Committee Amendment made the following changes to the original bill:

1. It provides that information that must be made available by consumer-owned water utilities upon request of a customer or the public advocate during an expedited rate increase is limited to information which is "readily available" to the utility. It also provides that only one adult per household may sign a petition to the Public Utility Commission to review the utility's rates.
2. It makes changes in the requirement of handicapped accessibility for public telephones.