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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 Increase the Effectiveness of the Public Utilities **PUBLIC**
2225 Commission through Computerization and to Provide Certain **631**
 Exceptions from the Annual Regulatory Fund Assessment and
 from Filing Annual Reports and Certain Other Changes

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
VOSE	OTP-AM	H-470
KERRY		H-479 VOSE

SUMMARY
 The original bill increases the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund by \$70,000 to provide funds for the operating costs of a new computer system. It also increases from \$3,000 to \$10,000 the level of gross revenues below which a public utility may be exempt from the assessment.

The Committee Amendment increases the Regulatory Fund by an additional \$7,000 to pay the cost of a stipend approved by the Bureau of Human Resources and increases to \$50,000 the level of gross revenues at which a public utility may be exempt from assessment.

The House Amendment makes a technical correction.

LD An Act to Authorize the Creation of the Freeport Water **ND 2615**
 2274 District
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK N	OTP-ND	
MITCHELL		

SUMMARY
 Replaced By LD 2615

This bill creates the Freeport Water District.

LD An Act Creating the Fayette Water District **P & S**
 2291 **090**
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY		
NORTON		

SUMMARY
 New Draft Of LD 1311

The original bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. Like the original bill, the new draft creates the Fayette Water District. It makes technical corrections to the original bill, incorporates standard language from Title 35-A and requires PUC approval of the use of any water source.