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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 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 Amend the Waldoboro Sewer District Charter  
**2352**

**P & S**  
**098**

SPONSOR(S)  
BEGLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-493

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the procedures for filing nomination papers for trustee of the Waldoboro Sewer District and increases the debt limit from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Committee Amendment clarified the intent of the original bill and added a referendum provision.

**LD** An Act to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District  
**2367**

**P & S**  
**097**  
**EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)  
WEBSTER M  
BROWN  
GILL  
USHER

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-487

SUMMARY

This bill changes the dates of elections for trustees in certain municipalities within the district to the same date as second Tuesday in June.

The Committee Amendment clarifies ambiguities in the original bill and removes language changing the deadline for filing nomination papers.

**LD** An Act to Encourage Conservation Investments by Electric  
**2421 Utilities**

**PUBLIC**  
**613**

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ERWIN E

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2087

The original bill permits the inclusion in rate base of cost effective conservation and load management improvements paid for by a utility on the premises of a customer.

This new draft changes dates to permit its application to petitions filed with the PUC after January 1, 1988, corrects syntax and clarifies legislative intention that nothing in this new draft is intended either to impair the status of a cogenerator or small power producer as a qualifying facility by virtue of the presence of conservation or load management investment on its