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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 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

SPONSOR(S)
WEYMOUTH
OGARA
WEBSTER M
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

premises, or to limit the authority of the PUC to permit recovery of utility investment in a plant on the premises of customers for purposes of providing improved customer service, such as uninterrupted supply packages.

LD An Act to Increase the Debt Limit for the South Berwick
2427 Sewer District

P & S
099
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
FARNUM

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-501

SUMMARY

This bill increases the debt limit of the South Berwick Sewer District from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000.

The Committee Amendment adds and emergency clause and a referendum provision.

LD An Act to Revise Exemptions Under the Law Relating to the
2447 Commercial Transport of Water

PUBLIC
745

SPONSOR(S)
FOSS
PEARSON
JACKSON
MCGOWAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-664

SUMMARY

Original bill amends the law restricting transportation of water by adding exceptions for water used in well-drilling, construction, cement mixing, swimming pools, firefighting, hospitals or civil defense. It also establishes a commission to study water supply issues.

The Committee Amendment adds exceptions to the water transportation law for distilled water produced in a manufacturing process, water used in aquaculture and water used for bottling if the source of water was used prior to July 1, 1987. It also provides that any authorization to transport water granted by the Commissioner of Human Services shall be subject to subsequent legislative limitations. The Committee Amendment removes the study proposed in the original bill because a similar study is being recommended in another bill.

See also LD 2497.