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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.*

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

P & S  
099  
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FARNUM	OTP-AM	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 an emergency clause and a referendum provision.

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

PUBLIC  
745

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSS PEARSON JACKSON MCGOWAN	OTP-AM	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.