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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.

Review of the prudence and desirability of particular projects or contracts is left entirely to the Public Utilities Commission, but the new draft specifies that if it does approve large Canadian contracts, capacity costs may be recovered through the fuel adjustment clause in the same manner as with cogenerators and small power producers. The new draft is not intended to affect the commission's discretion in matters of rate design with respect to capacity-related costs recovered through the fuel clause. In conjunction with last year's fuel clause legislation and this new draft, the commission will review the rate design implications of purchased power capacity in the fuel clause.

LD An Act to Establish an Enhanced 9-1-1 System (Reported PUBLIC
2608 Pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 52) 840

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
	ONTP - MAJ	H-761
	OTP-AM	

SUMMARY

This bill was reported out by the Utilities Committee pursuant to statute. It is the result of several years of study of the need for the State of a 9-1-1 emergency services network. The bill provides a \$13,200,000 bond issue to pay for the establishment of the system statewide and requires each municipality to participate in the system which is to be administered by the Department of Public Safety.

Because the bill contains a bond issue provision, it was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

LD An Act to Authorize the Creation of the Freeport Water P & S
 2615 District 109
 EMERGENCY

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

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2274

This bill creates the Freeport 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.