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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities

LD 11

Resolve, to Study the Economic Effect of Competitive Telecommunication Services

CARRY-OVER

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BOST CLARK H

MARTIN J CARPENTER

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities to study a recently promulgated rule by the Public Utilities Commission concerning competition among telephone service providers. Of particular concern was the effect the rule would have on private companies which purchase various reduced rate intra-state long distance services, such as WATTs lines, and sell (or resell) access to these services to smaller consumers.

Given an ongoing case in front of the Public Utilities Commission regarding one of the companies reselling services, the committee requested and was granted permission to hold the bill over until next session.

LD 159

An Act to Increase the Membership of the Emergency Enhanced 9-1-1 Telephone Advisory Committee

PUBLIC 30

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

KETOVER

OTP-AM

H-11

BOST

HANDY

CLARK H

SUMMARY

The original bill added two additional members to the Emergency 9-1-1 Advisory Committee -- one who would represent direct providers and one who would be a physician, physician's assistant or a nurse.

The committee amendment replaced the person who was either a physician, physician's assistant or a nurse with a dispatcher.

LD 194

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Waldoboro Sewer District

P & S 2

EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BEGLEY

0TP

HOLLOWAY

This bill clarifies the procedures regarding nomination papers under section 14 of the Waldoboro Sewer District charter. The bill also authorizes, subject to referendum, an increase in the limit on the district's indebtedness from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 and a district vote for any single expenditure in excess of \$100,000.

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