

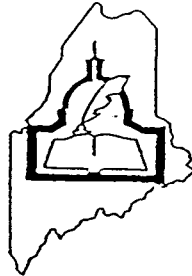
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-23

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to authorize consumer-owned water utilities to adjust their rates, pursuant to Public Utilities Commission approval, to provide for the phase-in of anticipated construction costs associated with the 1986 amendments to the United States Safe Drinking Water Act. At the present time many of the State's water utilities anticipate significant costs associated with construction of new facilities required by the recent federal legislation. The present law does not appear to allow for the phase-in of such costs in advance of construction.

The committee amendment adds the phrase "or related project" so that the rate adjustments allowed under this act could include projects required by other portions of the Safe Drinking Water Act or additional projects which become necessary as a result of complying with the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act.