

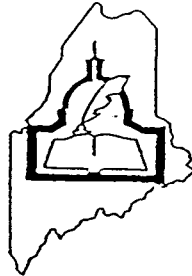
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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.

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LD 503

An Act to Prohibit a Minimum Fee on Certain Utility Bills

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK H
MICHAUD

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited water utilities from charging a minimum charge in any billing period in which a customer does not use water. To be exempt, the customer would have had to notify the utility prior to the start of the billing period.

LD 515

An Act Concerning the Regulatory Treatment of Consumer-owned Electric Utilities

PUBLIC 101

SPONSOR(S)

RICHARD

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill gives the Public Utilities Commission the authority to exempt a consumer-owned electric utility of 150 or fewer customers from the requirements of any commission rules and Title 35-A, with the exception of sections dealing with rate making. It also requires the commission to take into account the form of governance of consumer-owned electric utilities when promulgating rules and shall state in any notice of proposed rulemaking relating to those utilities what consideration has been given to the ability of those utilities to regulate matters covered under their own authority and, in promulgating those rules, shall not impose unreasonable requirements on consumer-owned electric utilities.

LD 550

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Temporary Utility Terminations

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

GURNEY
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BOST

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill would have prohibited electric and telephone utilities from charging consumers who are age 65 years or older more than \$10 for temporarily disconnecting their phone or electricity.