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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

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## Joint Standing Committee on Utilities

**LD 11**      **Resolve, to Study the Economic Effect of Competitive Telecommunication Services**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BOST CLARK H MARTIN J CARPENTER	LV/WD	

### **SUMMARY**

This resolve was carried over from 1st Regular Session. It sought to establish a study of the Public Utilities Commission rule concerning interexchange competition and service access charges among telephone service providers. The resolve would have suspended the rule pending completion of the study by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities. Of particular concern was the effect the rule would have on private companies which purchase various reduced rate intra-state services, such as WATTS lines, and sell (or resell) access to those services to smaller consumers.

**LD 579**      **An Act to Promote the Access of Cable Television to Maine Citizens**      **ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PRAY HOBBINS PARADIS E CLARK H	ONTP	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill was carried over from 1st Regular Session. It sought to establish a statutory formula which the Public Utilities Commission would be required to use to determine rates for pole attachments by cable television systems if the cable TV system and the public utility or utilities owning the poles could not agree on a rate.

**LD 1629**      **An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Service Territories of and Additional Service by Public Utilities**      **LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PARADIS E MARSH PAUL CARPENTER	LV/WD	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill was carried over from 1st Regular Session. It sought to allow for approval for expansion of service territory by specific areas, instead of by municipal boundaries; to give the Public Utilities Commission jurisdiction over approval of a telephone company's construction of facilities that are not designed to serve end use customers, e.g. toll trunks and other long distance facilities through utilities service territories or outside their own service territories generally; and to give the Public Utilities Commission jurisdiction over disputes between 2 utilities about territory or customers.