

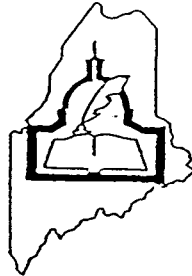
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BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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-212

SUMMARY

The original bill gave the Public Utilities Commission the authority to require an electric utility to implement fee or rebate structures for installation or upgrade of an electric service entrance to encourage energy efficient buildings and discourage energy inefficient buildings.

The bill also would have precluded electric utility companies from recovering from ratepayers costs they incur in any marketing strategy, plan or program that offers financial incentives or imposes economic penalties which promote or encourage electric heating systems. Specifically, it would have prohibited the inclusion of these costs in the company's expenses for rate-making purposes.

The committee amendment removes the proposal to grant the PUC authority to impose special fees on electric utility customers who install a new or upgrade an existing electrical service entrance. It retains the prohibition in existing law against charging hookup fees in excess of the cost of installing the service. The intent of the amendment is to give the PUC the option of providing incentive rebates for energy efficient buildings but not to impose additional fees for installation of electricity service.

The amendment also eliminates a second part of the original bill which would have prohibited utilities from including in their rate base any costs associated with promoting electric heating systems.