

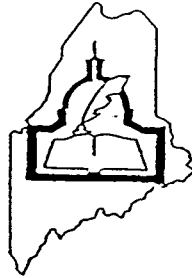
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 1347

**Resolve, Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to
Conduct a Study Concerning Electromagnetic Field Exposure**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
HEESCHEN
CLARK N
TITCOMB
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The resolve would have authorizes the Governor to direct the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a study, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, and with input from a wide range of sources, concerning Electomagnetic Field (EMF) exposure. The resolve asked the commission to recommend in its report EMF exposure limits and regulations necessary to achieve those limits. To finance the preparation of the report, electric utilities are assessed fees, proportional to their size, to be paid into the Maine Electromagnetic Fields Study Fund, established by this resolve. Finally, the resolve would have established interim standards for exposure to EMF from new transmission line construction until permanent standards are established.

The resolve was withdrawn in favor of the Public Utilities Commission taking on the task of making a collection of materials and studies concerning the health effects of EMF exposure.

LD 1445 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Rangeley Water District

P & S 39

SPONSOR(S)
ERWIN E
MILLS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-179

SUMMARY

The bill ratifies the actions of the Rangely Water District Board of Trustees since the district was created. In addition, the bill dissolves the district effective March 15, 1990.

The committee amendment makes it clear that Legislature's ratification of the actions of the Rangely Water District Board of Trustees includes the district's intervention and participation in proceedings of the Public Utilities Commission relating to the Rangely Water Company.

LD 1486 An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Berwick Sewer District

**P & S 54
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
MURPHY
FARNUM
CARPENTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-509

SUMMARY

The bill as drafted increased the borrowing capacity of the district from \$1,750,000 to \$8,000,000.

The Committee amendment provided authorization for votes in the sewer district held on March 22, 1989 approving bonds for \$4,550,000 and to further allow the district to increase its total indebtedness to \$8,000,000 subject to approval of the voters of the district.