

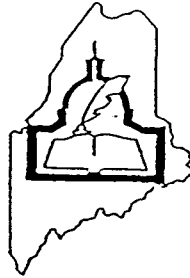
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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

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

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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.