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One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature Second Regular Session

> Joint Standing Committee Bill Summaries

> > June 1990

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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-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

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

BOST

CLARK H MARTIN J CARPENTER

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

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PRAY HOBBINS

PARADIS E

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

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PARADIS E MARSH LV/WD

PAUL

CARPENTER

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.