

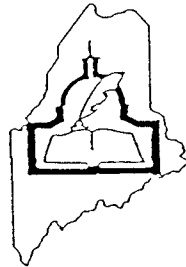
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
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**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

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	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 or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	OTP-AM	S-561
CARPENTER		S-574 BOST
AIKMAN		

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended (S-561 and S-574), requires a utility which files a petition with the Public Utilities Commission to construct a transmission line to send a copy of that petition to each municipality in which the line is to be located. It also authorizes a utility to petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of a facility prior to applying for approval under relevant municipal ordinances.

**LD 2029 An Act to Include Consideration of the Comparative
Environmental Impacts of Energy Production**

**P & S 110
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEESCHEN	OTP-AM	H-925
BOST		
ADAMS		
SIMPSON		

SUMMARY

The original bill sought to require the Public Utilities Commission to consider the environmental impacts of public utility services in utility proceedings. As amended (H-925), the bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to conduct an analysis of the various ways to include consideration of the environmental and economic impacts of alternative energy resource plans in utility energy planning. The commission is required to report the results of the analysis, including proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities by April 1, 1991. The title was amended to reflect the changes in the committee amendment.

LD 2059 An Act to Amend the Fuel Adjustment Clause

**P & S 106
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PARADIS E	OTP-AM	H-809
BOST		
CLARK H		
WEYMOUTH		

SUMMARY

This bill originally sought to amend the fuel adjustment clause to provide better incentives for energy conservation and for minimizing ratepayer cost. The bill, as amended (H-809), requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the State Planning Office and the Public Advocate, to review the fuel cost adjustment authorized by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3101, and submit an analysis of the fuel cost adjustment and the extent to which it meets or impedes the objectives of the Maine energy policy and the Electric Rate Reform Act set forth in Title 35-A, chapter 31, subchapters III and VI. The findings, recommendations and proposed legislation from this review will be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities by October 1, 1990. The title was amended to reflect the changes in the committee amendment.