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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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
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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LD 2063

**An Act to Require Telecommunications Services in Public
Places for Hearing Impaired Persons**

PUBLIC 671

SPONSOR(S)

PINES
CLARK N
PERKINS
ANTHONY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-783

SUMMARY

This bill provides enforcement mechanisms under the Maine Human Rights Act for persons who fail to install telecommunications devices for hearing and speech impaired persons as required by current law.

LD 2132

**An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water
Company**

**P & S 101
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

PERKINS
HUTCHINS

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the authorized indebtedness of the Stonington Water Company from 250,000 to \$1,000,000.

LD 2157

An Act Pertaining to Cable Television Systems

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

SMITH

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required voter approval before a cable television franchise was granted by a municipality.

LD 2174

**An Act to Require Notice of Charges for Use of Telephones
Made Available for Public Use**

PUBLIC 651

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK H
BOST
PARADIS E
HANDY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-770

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended (H-770), requires certain notices to be placed near phones that are available for public use if an additional fee for that use is required by the owner. Such phones are found in hotel and motel rooms, hospital rooms, academic institutions, airports and other places of public accommodation. Notices must include identity of the owner, rates and charges for use of the phone, and similar information.