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**JUNE 1990** 

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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-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

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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LD 2063

An Act to Require Telecommunications Services in Public

OTP-AM

PUBLIC 671

Places for Hearing Impaired Persons

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-783

PINES

CLARK N **PERKINS** ANTHONY

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

P & S 101

Company

**EMERGENCY** 

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**PERKINS** 

**HUTCHINS** 

**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

0TP

LV/YD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SMITH

LV/WD

**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)

COMMITTEE REPORT

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED** 

CLARK H

OTP-AM

H-770

BOST

PARADIS E

HANDY

**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.