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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 758

An Act to Require Certain Proposed Cogenerators to Obtain Review by and Approval of the Public Utilities Commission

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CROWLEY
SWAZEY
VOSE
CLARK H

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to place any cogenerator which sells power to others, has power production capacity exceeding 30 megawatts and uses a fossil fuel as its primary energy source under regulation as a public utility by the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 774

Resolve, to Establish the Commission on Comprehensive Energy Planning

**RESOLVE 50
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
PRAY
LORD

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-205
S-472

SUMMARY

This resolve proposed to establish the Commission on Electric Utilities and Long-range Energy Production Planning to study the electric utility needs in the State and to develop a long-range plan for the production of electricity within the State. As proposed in the bill, the commission would have had 15 members consisting of legislators, certain department heads and individuals representing certain interests.

The committee amendment (S-205) expanded the scope of the commission to require the development of a comprehensive energy plan for the state. The plan must include an assessment of future demand for energy in the State, a study of the options available to meet growing needs including for each an examination of cost, reliability, environmental impacts and cost, otherwise know as externalities, an analysis of regional power arrangements and recommendations including recommendations for instituting an ongoing comprehensive energy planning process.

The committee amendment also increased the commission membership to 16 all of whom are either legislators or department or agency heads.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-472) incorporates the technical amendments proposed in Senate amendment "A" (S-220). It also deletes the appropriation section from the committee amendment since the funding for the commission was provided for in another bill. The amendment also changes the reporting date for the commission.

LD 857

An Act to Ensure Adequate Resources for Energy Assistance Programs for Low-income Households

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
BRANNIGAN
PARADIS P
GILL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-174

SUMMARY

The bill proposed to appropriate from the General Fund \$3,000,000 to the Energy and Weatherization