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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

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

district. The committee amendment (H-530) exempts from review by the Public Utilities Commission funds received by the district from the Department of Environmental Protection, unless commission review is requested by the department. The district will probably receive money from the department to install a new water system because the existing area water supplies have been contaminated. The House amendment (H-606) corrects an error in a reference cited in the committee amendment.

**LD 1901 An Act to Create the Morrill Village Water District**

**P & S 29  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WHITCOMB BRAWN	OTP-AM	H-531

**SUMMARY**

This bill creates the Morrill Village Water District. This district is intended to be the successor to the Morrill Water Company. This charter grants the district the authority to purchase the plant, properties, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Morrill Water Company. The charter also grants the district a special power of eminent domain to acquire these same assets, except cash assets and accounts receivable. This bill is subject to approval by referendum in the district. The committee amendment (H-531) amends the emergency preamble of the bill.

**LD 1931 An Act to Amend the Berwick Sewer District Charter**

**P & S 38**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MURPHY CARPENTER		

**SUMMARY**

This bill, which was suggested to be referred to the Committee on Utilities but was acted upon without reference, amends the Berwick Sewer District Charter to provide that the Berwick Sewer District may be dissolved by a majority vote of the voters voting at a municipal election. This bill requires the Town of Berwick to assume the district's assets, liabilities and responsibilities in the event the district is dissolved.

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