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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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

LD 2253

**An Act to Provide for the Annual Apportionment of the
Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District's Operation Costs on a
3-year Average**

P & S 83

SPONSOR(S)

KANY
GWADOSKY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District to authorize the trustees of the district to apportion the annual operating costs on a 3-year average rather than on a single year's usage.

LD 2288

**An Act to Require a Total Least-cost Energy Plan and to
Establish a Moratorium on Fossil-fuel Fired Electric
Generation Facilities in This State**

DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES

SPONSOR(S)

GRAY
CROWLEY
FOSTER
MCCORMICK

COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish a total least-cost energy plan that gives preference to electric generation facilities that are less harmful to the environment and human health. The bill also proposed to impose a moratorium on the permitting, construction or operation of fossil fuel fired electric generation plants until February 1, 1993 and provided for a report by the Public Utilities Commission by January 1, 1993 on whether an extension of the moratorium or enactment of other measures to fully implement a total least-cost energy policy were necessary.

The minority report of the committee (H-1083) struck the bill and replaced it with language which proposed to place a moratorium on state permitting and the construction and operation of any new coal-fired electric generation plant. The amendment made explicit exemptions for upgrades and retrofits of existing plants. Under this moratorium, state agencies would have been able to process and hold hearings on permits.

LD 2306

**An Act to Ensure the Availability of Ferry Service in Casco
Bay**

PUBLIC 774
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

RAND
RICH
ADAMS
BUTLAND

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1082

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to make changes to the laws concerning the regulation of ferries in Casco Bay. The bill proposed new criteria for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity required for the transport of passengers or property in Casco Bay.