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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 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 2363 **An Act Concerning Water Utilities**

**PUBLIC 775
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK H VOSE LOOK HOLLOWAY	OTP-AM	H-1094

SUMMARY

This bill facilitated financing by water utilities of projects required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Committee amendment (H-1094) replaced the bill. The expansion of the definition of "governmental unit" was eliminated and a separate definition for "water utility" was enacted. The amendment also clarified that the Maine Municipal Bond Bank may borrow money and make the proceeds available to water utilities.

LD 2364 **An Act to Clarify the Funding of State Mandates**

**PUBLIC 847
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GRAY BERUBE LOOK KERR	OTP-AM	H-1172

SUMMARY

This bill amended the current statutes requiring the State to fund all state mandates by specifying exemptions to the funding requirement.

The Committee amendment (H-1172) clarified that state laws that affect the minimum wage are the only state wage and salary laws not considered state mandates and added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2373 **An Act Regarding a Piscataqua River Basin Council**

P & S 95

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LAWRENCE ESTES HICHENS OTT	OTP-AM	H-1081 H-1098 LAWRENCE

SUMMARY

This bill established the Piscataqua River Basin Council. The duty of the council was to examine river traffic, wetlands preservation, pollution, waterfront development and other issues affecting water resources within the Piscataqua River basin and its surrounding tributaries. This bill did not take effect until similar legislation was enacted in New Hampshire.

The Committee amendment (H-1081) added a fiscal note to the bill.

The House amendment (H-1098) changed the composition of the Piscataqua River Basin Council by requiring 4 elected officials from the affected seacoast area, which includes the Town of York under this amendment.