

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, 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*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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## Joint Standing Committee on Utilities

**LD 305**

### **An Act to Require the Public Utilities Commission to Include Externalities in Least-cost Planning Procedures**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KONTOS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.

This bill proposed to require that the Public Utilities Commission develop and employ weighting factors for evaluating environmental and health-related externalities in electric utility least cost planning. (See LD 356)

**LD 356**

### **An Act to Establish a Study Group on Energy and the Environment**

P & S 80

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GRAY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-826

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill was initially referred to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the 1st Regular Session. The bill was carried forward to the 2nd Regular session and then re-referred to the Utilities Committee.

The bill proposed to establish the Advisory Council on Energy and the Environment for the purposes of evaluating and making recommendations concerning the State's environmental and energy policies.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-826) strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment establishes a study group. The study group is required, to the extent possible within existing resources, to create a comprehensive library on externalities at the Public Utilities Commission, to summarize state and federal environmental laws impacting the pricing of energy resources, to identify significant environmental externalities and to develop recommendations for internalizing environmental externalities. The study group is composed of the Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, the Director of the State Planning Office and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The group is required to provide a progress report to the Utilities Committee by January 1, 1995 and its final report by January 1, 1996.

The Utilities Committee is authorized to report out legislation to the 1st or 2nd Regular Sessions of the 117th Legislature in response to the reports it receives from the study group.

**LD 357**

### **An Act to Exempt Employees of the Public Utilities Commission from Furlough and Shutdown Days**

VETO SUSTAINED

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CLEVELAND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-390

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.