

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**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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and electric utility transactions involving the acquisition or maintenance of an interest in any entity for the purpose of providing consulting and project management services to other businesses. An exempt wholesale generator is an electric generator which qualifies for an exemption from certain Securities and Exchange regulation under the federal Energy Policy Act of 1992.

**LD 1037**      **An Act to Cause the Renegotiation of Utility Contracts  
for Electric Power Generated at Private Facilities**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

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

Under current law, unless the Public Utilities Commission is petitioned to resolve a dispute, it is prohibited from pre-approving or otherwise becoming involved in the establishment of contract prices paid by electric utilities to private power producers. This bill proposed to establish a requirement that new contracts and extensions of current contracts receive pre-approval from the Public Utilities Commission. However, in exchange for voluntarily reducing a current contract price, a private power producer would have been exempted under this bill from such pre-approval. (See L.D. 1997.)

**LD 1119**      **An Act to Deregulate Consumer-owned Electric Utilities**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PARADIS J CLARK	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

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

This bill proposed to allow consumer-owned electric utilities to opt in or out of Public Utilities Commission regulation.

**LD 1326**      **An Act to Require that All Interest on Escrowed Assessments  
on Utilities Be Used for the Benefit of the Public Utilities  
Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate**      INDEF PP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLEVELAND	OTP-AM	H-730 KONTOS S-387

**SUMMARY**

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

The bill proposed to require that after July 1, 1995, all interest on funds or investments from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund and the Public Advocate Regulatory Fund be credited to those funds.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-387) added a fiscal note.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-730) proposed to correct a conflict with a recently enacted law.