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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 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 **ONTP** Ought Not to Pass report accepted INDEF PP Bill Indefinitely Postponed FAILED ENACTMENT Bill failed to get majority vote Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT DIED BETWEEN BODIES House & Senate disagree; bill died Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE **VETO SUSTAINED** Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto UNSIGNED Not signed by Governor within 10 days DIED ON ADJOURNMENT Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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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

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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 A

An Act to Deregulate Consumer-owned Electric Utilities

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

PARADIS J

ONTP

CLARK

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

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

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.