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BILL SUMMARIES
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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

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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LD 1502

An Act to Identify Potential Costs of Utility Projects to Municipalities and Corporations That Provide Services to Municipalities

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DUTREMBLE D

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

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

The bill proposed that hydroelectric projects that affect river water levels be subject to municipal zoning ordinances. The bill also proposed to require, in the course of FERC licensing or relicensing, that utilities provide communities affected by a hydroelectric project information on the impact and costs of that project.

LD 1538

An Act to Establish Curtailable Load Retention Service

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LAWRENCE
LEMONT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

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

The bill proposed to establish a load retention service rate for certain industrial customers who could demonstrate that they would leave the system but for the availability of the rate. The proposed rate would have been the utility's marginal cost plus a specific amount. The bill was primarily designed to provide a reduced rate to Airco Industrial Gases. On September 22, 1993, the Public Utilities Commission issued its order in Docket 92-331 approving a load retention service rate for Airco.

LD 1579

An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995

P & S 63
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-717

SUMMARY

This bill reallocates \$380,264 of unexpended funds from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund carried forward from fiscal year 1992-93 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 5. The bill proposed to reallocate the entire \$380,264 for consulting services related to the processing of cases before the commission.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-717) reallocates \$180,264 to fiscal year 1993-94 and \$200,000 to fiscal year 1994-95 for consulting services and installation costs associated with computer systems at the commission.