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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

**LD 23**      **An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the West Paris Water District**      P & S 8  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WINSOR HANLEY	OTP-AM	H-17

### **SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to remove the \$300,000 debt limitation imposed on the West Paris Water District.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-17) strikes and replaces the bill and amends the title to reflect the changes made. The amendment increases the debt limit from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble, an emergency preamble, an emergency referendum clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 26**      **An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kingfield Water District**      P & S 9

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DEXTER	OTP-AM	H-25

### **SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the charter of the Kingfield Water District by raising the amount paid to a trustee from \$50 to \$150.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-25) replaces the bill and amends the title to reflect the changes. This amendment repeals the provisions of the Kingfield Water District having to do with the election, salaries and powers and duties of trustees and replaces the provisions with updated language and references to Title 35-A, section 6303, which covers these issues.

**LD 38**      **An Act to Amend the Charter of the Sewer District of the Town of Kennebunk by Expanding Its Territorial Limits**      P & S 7  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIBBY JL	OTP-AM	H-18

### **SUMMARY**

This bill expands the territory of the Kennebunk Sewer District.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-18) adds a mandate preamble and makes certain technical changes to the bill.

**LD 61**      **An Act to Facilitate Charging Electric Utility Customers Based on Actual Usage**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANLEY	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM      MIN	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to restrict electric utilities in the practice of billing customers on the basis of utility estimates of the customers' usage.