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BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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:

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

5581LHS

This bill would have allowed a customer the option of choosing to be billed on the basis of the customer's meter reading in lieu of being billed on the basis of the utility estimate. This bill would have required a utility to notify customers of this option on a quarterly basis during any period in which the utility proposes to use an estimated-usage billing procedure.

**LD 71**      **An Act to Amend the Charter of the Port Clyde Water District**

P & S 4  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PINGREE	OTP-AM	S-11

**SUMMARY**

This bill raises the current debt limit of the Port Clyde Water District from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-11) makes certain technical changes to the bill and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 135**      **An Act Relating to Telephone Solicitation**

PUBLIC 334

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-462
	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

Current law requires telephone utilities to keep listings of persons who do not wish to receive automated telephone solicitations. The bill repeals this requirement.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-462), which was the majority report of the committee, preserves that portion of the bill which repeals the requirement that telephone utilities keep listings of persons who do not wish to receive automated telephone solicitations.

The amendment incorporates federal law regarding telephone solicitation and provides for the same remedies for violations of this state law as are currently provided for violations of the federal law. Under the amendment, a person or entity may not place a solicitation call to a residential telephone subscriber who has notified the person or entity that the subscriber does not want to receive solicitation calls from that person or entity. A subscriber can seek the specified remedies for a violation and the Attorney General can pursue those same remedies on behalf of consumers if the Attorney General believes a person or entity has engaged in a pattern or practice of violations.

The amendment amends the title of the bill and title of the chapter of law affected by the amendment, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 225, to reflect the content of the amendment. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 283**      **An Act Relating to the Joint Use of Equipment**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the Public Utilities Commission to allow joint use of facilities when 2 or more utilities are providing service in the same municipality.