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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

CARRIED OVER

CON RES XXX

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

EMERGENCY

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

INDEF PP

ONTP

P&S XXX

PUBLIC XXX

RESOLVE XXX

UNSIGNED

VETO SUSTAINED

Bill carried over to Second Session

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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

SPONSOR(S)**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to establish the Saco River Corridor Fund in order to partially support the activities of the Saco River Corridor Commission.

LD 492**An Act Relating to Authority of Governing Boards of Consumer-owned Electric Utilities**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

HARRIMAN

ONTP

KONTOS

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to give consumer-owned electric utilities with elected boards the option to exercise the powers of the Public Utilities Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A.

LD 551**An Act to Protect Cable Television Consumers from Excessive Late Fees**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

CARPENTER

ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to change the late fee limitation on cable TV service rates enacted by the 116th Legislature.

LD 562**An Act to Increase Compensation of Trustees of the Gray Water District**

P & S 16

SPONSOR(S)**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

BUTLAND

OTP-AM

S-75

DUNN

SUMMARY

This bill increases the compensation for the Board of Trustees of the Gray Water District.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-75) makes a technical correction, adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.