

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
UTILITIES AND ENERGY

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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:

<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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**SPONSOR(S)**

ADAMS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill amends the criminal code provision regarding theft of services to clarify that cellular telephone services are included.

LD 970

**An Act to Establish Qualifications for Public Utilities  
Commissioners**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES**SPONSOR(S)**

ADAMS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

MAJ

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

ONTP

MIN

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to establish certain qualifications and standards for the position of Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 984

**An Act Concerning the Eminent Domain Powers of Sanitary and  
Sewer Districts**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

BEGLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

Under current law, any sanitary district that is approved and organized has the power of eminent domain. This bill proposed to remove this authority from any sanitary district, unless the authority was specifically requested in the initial application or petition for formation.

LD 1015

**An Act to Allow Electric Power to be Purchased by Ski  
Resorts at the Lowest Profitable Rate**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

GOULD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow any person generating electricity in this state to contract to sell power to a ski resort without thereby becoming a regulated electric utility. Under the bill, an electric utility would have been required to wheel or to provide transmission services between the generator and the ski resort and prohibited from charging more for the service than the direct costs of providing the service.