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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... *Bill failed to get majority vote*
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED..... *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

LD 1000 **An Act to Promote Consistency in Dialing Cellular and Landline Telephone Numbers** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1000 proposed to require a provider of cellular or wireless telecommunications service in this State to configure its system so that a caller making an intrastate call would complete the call by dialing the same number of digits as the caller would dial if the caller were using telephone utility landline service.

LD 1059 **An Act Concerning Private Line Extensions Provided by Central Maine Power Company** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TURNER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1059 proposed to:

1. Void the Public Utilities Commission order of November 10, 1999 in Docket Number 99-042 and reinstate Central Maine Power Company's terms and conditions relating to single-phase overhead line extensions in effect prior to the order;
2. Require Central Maine Power Company to connect to a single-phase overhead line constructed by or at the expense of a customer if that line meets all relevant safety and electrical standards for connection to the system. It also proposed to require Central Maine Power Company, if it acquires ownership of such line, to pay the customer at whose expense the line was constructed full and fair compensation for the costs of construction and all reasonable repair and maintenance costs paid for by the customer prior to acquisition by Central Maine Power Company;
3. Require the commission to open a proceeding to establish a mechanism under which Central Maine Power Company would reimburse customers who were charged for line extensions pursuant to the revised terms and conditions approved by the commission in its order of November 10, 1999 in Docket Number 99-042. It also proposed to require the commission to determine how the costs of reimbursement and of future line extensions and of reimbursing customers for the costs of line extensions paid for by customers are to be recovered through rates.

LD 1121 **An Act to Allow Flexibility in Regulation of Telephone Utilities** **PUBLIC 137**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE W	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-165
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