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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Utilities and Energy*

*August 2001*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

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](http://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 1412**

**An Act Relating to the Transfer of Certain Privileges Bestowed by the Legislature upon Great Northern Paper, Inc. to Great Northern Energy, LLC** **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>     | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MICHAUD MH<br>STANLEY |                         |                           |

LD 1412 proposed to provide that the rights and privileges held by Great Northern Paper, Inc. that relate to the location, construction, operation or maintenance of dams used in the generation of electricity may be transferred to Great Northern Energy, LLC upon the acquisition by Great Northern Energy of the dams.

**LD 1442**

**An Act to Create the Boothbay Region Water District**

**P & S 15  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KILKELLY          | OTP-AM MAJ<br>ONTP MIN  | S-66                      |

LD 1442 proposed to create the Boothbay Region Water District.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)**, the majority report, proposed to replace the bill. This amendment proposed to create the Boothbay Region Water District, subject to referendum approval, and require the Town of Boothbay Harbor and the East Boothbay Water District to sell their water-related assets to the Boothbay Region Water District for the consideration of the district assuming the liabilities and responsibilities associated with the existing water systems.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 15 creates the Boothbay Region Water District, subject to referendum approval, and requires the Town of Boothbay Harbor and the East Boothbay Water District to sell their water-related assets to the Boothbay Region Water District for the consideration of the district assuming the liabilities and responsibilities associated with the existing water systems.

This law was enacted as an emergency measure effective on May 9, 2001.