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*State Of Maine  
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*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Utilities and Energy*

*May 2002*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

**LD 1869**                      **An Act Regarding Protective Orders in Public Utilities Commission Proceedings**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCALEVEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1869 proposed to change the criteria for the issuance of protective orders in Public Utilities Commission proceedings. It proposed to repeal some of the changes that were made in 1998 that required, with some exceptions, confidential information to be made available to an opposing party’s counsel or consultant and to allow the Public Utilities Commission to determine the financial interests of the parties seeking access to confidential information.

**LD 1893**                      **An Act to Facilitate More Effective Consumer Representation at the Office of the Public Advocate**                      **PUBLIC 476**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FERGUSON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP      MAJ ONTP     MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1893 proposed to authorize the Public Advocate to substitute an economic analyst position for a vacant senior counsel position. The bill also proposed to authorize the Public Advocate to compensate a senior counsel at a higher salary range when the increase is necessary to provide competitive salary levels.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 476 authorizes the Public Advocate to substitute an economic analyst position for a vacant senior counsel position. Public Law 2002, chapter 476 also authorizes the Public Advocate to compensate a senior counsel at a higher salary range when the increase is necessary to provide competitive salary levels.

**LD 1906**                      **An Act to Amend the Charter of the Corinna Sewer District**                      **P & S 47  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P TOBIN J	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1906 proposed to amend the charter of the Corinna Sewer District by allowing the trustees to set a date for the annual meeting.

*Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 47 amends the charter of the Corinna Sewer District by allowing the trustees discretion in setting the date for the annual meeting.