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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND
ENERGY**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter 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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

LD 1656 An Act To Amend the Fryeburg Water District Charter

P & S 11
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MUSE	OTP-AM	H-114

This bill authorizes the Fryeburg Water District to purchase assets in East Conway, New Hampshire and to purchase the common stock of the Fryeburg Water Company.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-114)

This amendment adds language to the bill to specify that the authority of the Fryeburg Water District to purchase the common stock of the Fryeburg Water Company is limited to the acquisition of the stock for the sole purpose of allowing the Fryeburg Water District to acquire the Fryeburg Water Company.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 11 authorizes the Fryeburg Water District to purchase assets in East Conway, New Hampshire and to purchase the common stock of the Fryeburg Water Company, provided that the purchase of the common stock is for the sole purpose of allowing the Fryeburg Water District to acquire the Fryeburg Water Company.

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 11 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2007.

LD 1666 Resolve, To Promote Energy Conservation in Schools

RESOLVE 55

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE	OTP-AM	H-281

This resolve includes three provisions to increase energy conservation in schools.

1. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to amend its rules to provide school districts with additional funds under the Public Utilities Commission's Maine High Performing Schools program for cost-effective energy efficiency projects;
2. It directs the State Board of Education to collaborate with the Public Utilities Commission to enact new energy efficiency standards for new construction and renovations of existing school facilities and allows the State Board of Education to use current renovation loan and grant funds for energy efficiency retrofitting of school facilities; and
3. It requires school administrative units to yearly report energy consumption data to the Department of Education so that the department, the Public Utilities Commission and the Governor's Energy Office may quantify taxpayer and carbon dioxide savings from energy efficiency programs and directs the Department of Education and Public Utilities Commission to set the goal of 30% reduction in overall public school energy consumption by the year 2014.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-281)

This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission to develop a plan to increase energy efficiency and conservation in school facilities in the State, to promote opportunities for school