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**LD 4      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 675: Infrastructure Surcharge and Capital Reserve Accounts, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission**

**RESOLVE 9  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-7

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 675: Infrastructure Surcharge and Capital Reserve Accounts, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission. The major substantive rule sets the requirements and procedures for establishing and monitoring the creation of capital reserve accounts and the use of an infrastructure replacement surcharge by a water utility. Specifically, the rule addresses the maximum amount of funds that can be collected, the authorized uses of the funds and the reporting requirements of water utilities that establish these types of mechanisms to fund infrastructure improvements. These rules were the final product of multi-step process:

1. P.L. 2011, chapter 106 directed the Public Utilities Commission to convene a work group to study the funding of infrastructure improvements for water utilities;
2. On January 15, 2012, the commission submitted a report summarizing the findings of that work group to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology; and
3. In P.L. 2011, chapter 602, the Legislature enacted policies to establish these funding mechanisms and directed the commission to adopt major substantive rules.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)**

This amendment authorizes the adoption of Chapter 675: Infrastructure Surcharge and Capital Reserve Accounts, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission only if the commission amends the rule to clarify some language regarding the maximum amounts of the infrastructure surcharge, to use consistent terms regarding attributing funds and to provide that the Office of the Public Advocate, the Public Utilities Commission's advisory staff and the water utility can agree in advance of the infrastructure surcharge filing on the current cost of debt and the return on equity and capital structure to be used.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 9 authorizes the adoption of Chapter 675: Infrastructure Surcharge and Capital Reserve Accounts, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission only if the commission amends the rule to clarify language regarding the maximum amounts of the infrastructure surcharge, to use consistent terms regarding attributing funds and to provide that the Office of the Public Advocate, the Public Utilities Commission's advisory staff and the water utility can agree in advance of the infrastructure surcharge filing on the current cost of debt and the return on equity and capital structure to be used.

Resolve 2013, chapter 9 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2013.

**LD 38      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

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This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

The committee sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting the commission to meet with stakeholders to seek to develop modifications to the proposed rules that better address the various issues that stakeholders have raised.

**LD 60      An Act To Reduce the Number of Public Safety Answering Points      LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROCKI		

Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to establish a total of between 16 and 24 public safety answering points. This bill reduces to 2 the total number of public safety answering points. This bill was withdrawn by the sponsor.

**LD 81      An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District      P & S 3 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL MCGOWAN	OTP-AM	S-5

This bill resolves a conflict in the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District created when the charter was amended by Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 24 to add language regarding sinking funds for the retirement of obligations made by the district, however, that private and special law did not repeal already existing language from 1963 regarding sinking funds. This bill resolves the conflict by repealing that 1963 provision.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law, chapter 3 resolves a conflict in the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District created when the charter was amended by Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 24 to add language regarding sinking funds for the retirement of obligations made by the district, however, Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 24 did not repeal already existing language from 1963 regarding sinking funds. This law resolves the conflict by repealing that 1963 provision.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2013.

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**LD 94      An Act To Prohibit Wireless Smart Meter Opt-out Fees**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND		

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill prohibits a transmission and distribution utility from charging a customer a fee or a higher rate for declining the installation of a wireless smart meter or using a meter other than a wireless smart meter.

The concepts raised in this bill are addressed in LD 826, An Act to Eliminate the Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters. LD 826 was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 114      An Act To Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill requires the Portland Water District to charge the same rate for the use of water to its customers that reside in the Town of Standish as it charges its customers that reside in towns that are part of the territory supplied by the district and members of the district.

**LD 131      Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Examine Measures To Mitigate the Effects of Geomagnetic Disturbances and Electromagnetic Pulse on the State's Transmission System**

**RESOLVE 45  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-121

This bill requires a person submitting a petition to the Public Utilities Commission for the purposes of receiving a certificate of public convenience and necessity for building a transmission line to include a description of design measures to be used that limit electromagnetic field levels and ensure the protection of the transmission and distribution system against damage from an electromagnetic pulse or a geomagnetic storm. The bill also requires the commission to consider electromagnetic field levels, electromagnetic pulse protections and geomagnetic storm protections when determining the public need for a transmission line.

This bill adds similar requirements for the deciding authority, when determining whether an energy infrastructure proposal is in the long-term interest of the State, to consider electromagnetic field levels and electromagnetic pulse and geomagnetic storm dangers.

The bill directs the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection and within six months of the effective date of this Act, to adopt routine technical rules to identify effective design measures to limit electromagnetic field levels and ensure the protection of the transmission and distribution system against damage from an electromagnetic pulse or a geomagnetic storm.

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Finally, the bill requires any transmission line currently under construction upon the effective date of the rules to incorporate design measures to limit electromagnetic field levels and ensure the protection of the transmission and distribution system against damage from an electromagnetic pulse or a geomagnetic storm.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-121)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Public Utilities Commission to conduct an examination of the vulnerabilities of the State's transmission infrastructure to the potential negative impacts of a geomagnetic disturbance or electromagnetic pulse capable of disabling, disrupting or destroying a transmission and distribution system and to identify potential mitigation measures. The commission is also required to monitor efforts by regional and federal organizations to address this issue and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 20, 2014. The committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature based on the report. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause to the bill.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 45 directs the Public Utilities Commission to conduct an examination of the vulnerabilities of the State's transmission infrastructure to the potential negative impacts of a geomagnetic disturbance or electromagnetic pulse capable of disabling, disrupting or destroying a transmission and distribution system and to identify potential mitigation measures. The commission is also required to monitor efforts by regional and federal organizations to address this issue and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 20, 2014. The committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature based on the report.

Additionally, the committee sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting that an interim report be submitted to the committee by June 20, 2013 that contains a preliminary list of the sources that the commission will reference during the study, any pertinent information that the commission would like to share with the committee and a description of the commission's approach or process to complete the full study.

Resolve 2013, chapter 45 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2013.

### **LD 175      An Act To Update the Laws Governing Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards**

**PUBLIC 120**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLEVELAND HOBBINS	OTP-AM	S-47

This bill changes the definition of ASHRAE standards and repeals definitions dealing with the energy efficiency building performance standards to reflect the changes made by the enactment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

The bill also directs the Public Utilities Commission to repeal rules that established the standards that comprised the Maine Model Building Energy Code.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-47)**

This amendment removes the definition of "ASHRAE standards" from the bill and repeals the definition of "ASHRAE Standard 62-2001" in the Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards Act because the use of terms "ASHRAE standards" and "ASHREA Standard 62-2001" are only in sections of the law proposed to be repealed by this bill.

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### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 120 repeals definitions dealing with the energy efficiency building performance standards to reflect the changes made by the enactment of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. It also directs the Public Utilities Commission to repeal rules that established the standards that comprised the Maine Model Building Energy Code.

**LD 179      An Act To Amend the Anson and Madison Water District Charter**

**P & S 5**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY CLEVELAND	OTP-AM	H-22

This bill amends the Anson and Madison Water District charter by changing the date on which the terms of the trustees expire from November 15th to the date of the respective annual town meetings. The bill also strikes language that required the trustees of the Anson and Madison Water District, upon dissolution of the Madison Water District and the Anson Water District, to submit legislation to the Legislature to repeal the charters of the Madison Water District and the Anson Water District.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)**

This amendment adds provisions that repeal the Anson Water District charter and the Madison Water District charter effective September 1, 2014.

### Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 5 amends the Anson and Madison Water District charter by changing the date on which the terms of the trustees expire from November 15th to the date of the respective annual town meetings. The bill also strikes language that requires the trustees of the Anson and Madison Water District, upon dissolution of the Madison Water District and the Anson Water District, to submit legislation to the Legislature to repeal the charters of the Madison Water District and the Anson Water District and instead automatically repeals those charters effective September 1, 2014.

**LD 196      An Act Regarding the Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for Public Safety Answering Points**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS CLEVELAND		

This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to implement the public safety answering point quality assurance program established in 2010 through the use of one or more 3rd-party vendors and ensure that the financing of that program is accomplished with resources other than increased assessments to the municipalities subscribing to or providing the public safety answering point services.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 215 An Act To Protect Landlords When Tenants Fail To Pay Utility Bills**

**PUBLIC 250**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY CUSHING	OTP-AM	H-457

This bill provides that a landlord may pay a deposit to a utility to protect the landlord's property from the termination or disconnection of utility service due to nonpayment of utility bills by a tenant. The deposit may be used to continue service and the landlord is authorized to recover costs from the tenant. The bill also provides that a tenancy may be terminated upon seven days' written notice if the landlord can show that the tenant's failure to pay utility bills has resulted in the disconnection of utility service.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-457)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires, upon request of a landlord, a transmission and distribution utility to enter into an agreement with that landlord with respect to a residential rental property receiving transmission and distribution service in the name of that landlord's tenant to automatically transfer the service to the name of the landlord if the service would otherwise be disconnected.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 250 requires, upon the request of a landlord, a transmission and distribution utility to enter into an agreement with that landlord with respect to a residential rental property receiving transmission and distribution service in the name of that landlord's tenant to automatically transfer the service to the name of the landlord if the service would otherwise be disconnected.

**LD 219 An Act To Establish a Long-term Funding Source for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW DUTREMBLE	ONTP	

This bill provides that 10% of all revenues derived from the use of state-owned land and assets for energy infrastructure development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 122, up to a total of \$5,000,000 in any fiscal year and adjusted for inflation, must be deposited in a special fund and allocated to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to support the operations of that department.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to pass but addressed the issue of revenues derived from the use of state-owned land and assets for energy infrastructure development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 122 in committee bill LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 247 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Appeals of Final Agency Action on Applications Concerning Wind Energy Development**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	ONTP	

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Current law grants exclusive jurisdiction to the Law Court over appeals of final action by the Board of Environmental Protection or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on applications for expedited wind energy development, general permits for tidal energy demonstration projects and general permits for offshore wind energy demonstration projects. Under this bill, a person aggrieved by any order or decision of the board or commissioner on an application for an expedited wind energy development may instead appeal to the Superior Court.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass in deference to LD 1119, An Act to Establish Superior Court as the Forum in Which Appeals of Agency Decisions Must Be Taken, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, which raised the same issues raised in this bill.

**LD 248      An Act To Encourage Workforce Development in the Heating,      ONTP**  
**Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Efficiency and Energy Conservation**  
**Trades and Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERZOFSKY BEAVERS	ONTP	

This bill adds as another category of carbon dioxide emissions offset projects funded by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund education and training programs for workforce development in the trades of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, efficiency and energy conservation.

**LD 275      Resolve, To Require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau      CARRIED OVER**  
**To Expand the Existing Quality Assurance System**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO HARVELL		

This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to expand its quality assurance system to include fire and police call processing and dispatching and also to expand its emergency medical dispatch structured protocol system to include equivalent fire and police protocols and to authorize necessary 9-1-1 funding.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 302      Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Review Certain      RESOLVE 20**  
**Electricity Distribution Charges Assessed on Businesses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN	OTP-AM	H-58

This resolve requires the Public Utilities Commission to review the 25-kilowatt distribution charge assessed against businesses that use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity at any time in a 12-month period to determine whether it is equitable and justifiable to remove this charge for a business for a month in which the business does not use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity if the business did not use 25 kilowatts or more of electricity in the same month in the previous year. The Public Utilities Commission is required to report its findings to the Joint Standing

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Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than December 4, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology may report out legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)**

This amendment, which replaces the resolve, more specifically defines the scope of the study proposed in the resolve and moves the reporting deadline from December 4, 2013 to January 15, 2014.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 20 directs the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology regarding the demand charges places on the medium rate class by investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities. The report must include information regarding how a utility determines whether a business should be in the medium rate class, the impact of demand charges on seasonal businesses, new customers and business innovation and recommended changes to a utility's terms and conditions to make demand charges more just and reasonable. The Public Utilities Commission shall submit the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than January 15, 2014.

### **LD 303      An Act To Authorize the Public Advocate To Publish and Distribute Consumer Information**

**PUBLIC 79**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD W	OTP-AM ONTP	H-46

This bill authorizes the Public Advocate to publish information and advice for consumers in the State concerning services such as telecommunications, electricity and gas delivery and supply and municipal drinking water services.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)**

This amendment allows the Public Advocate to publish information in any electronic format and removes the references to advice and municipal drinking water.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 79 authorizes the Public Advocate to publish in any electronic format information for consumers in the State concerning services such as telecommunications, electricity delivery and supply and gas delivery and supply.

### **LD 304      An Act To Amend the Representation on the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council**

**PUBLIC 40**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COOPER	OTP	

This bill removes the member on the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council representing a cellular or wireless service provider and replaces the member with a member representing an Internet telecommunications relay service provider that provides service to customers in the State.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 40 removes the member on the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council representing a cellular or wireless service provider and replaces the member with a member representing an Internet

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telecommunications relay service provider that provides service to customers in the State.

**LD 372      An Act To Transfer the Responsibilities of the Department of Public Safety, Maine Communications System Policy Board to the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications      PUBLIC 19**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
YOUNGBLOOD KESCHL	OTP	

This bill transfers the powers and duties of the Department of Public Safety, Maine Communications System Policy Board to the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications within that department.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 19 transfers the powers and duties of the Department of Public Safety, Maine Communications System Policy Board to the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications within that department.

**LD 385      An Act To Improve Wind Energy Development Permitting      PUBLIC 325**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS JACKSON T	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-521

This bill improves the permitting process for wind energy development by providing for public comment and the opportunity for the public to request a hearing and by permitting an intervenor to request an adjudicatory proceeding. The bill provides that wind energy development constitutes a significant adverse effect on the natural environment if proposed in a fir-heartleaved birch subalpine forest natural vegetation community. The bill also requires that a wind energy permit must require best practical mitigation to reduce impacts on scenic, wildlife and other resources.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-521)**

This amendment is the majority report and replaces the bill. The amendment modifies the permitting process for grid-scale wind energy developments by providing for public comment and the opportunity for the public to request a hearing and by permitting an intervenor to request an adjudicatory hearing. The amendment provides a rebuttable presumption that wind energy development constitutes a significant adverse effect on natural resources if proposed in a Bicknell's Thrush habitat 25 acres or larger in which Bicknell's Thrush have been documented. The amendment also requires that a grid-scale wind energy development permit application must contain options for best practical mitigation to reduce impacts on scenic or wildlife resources.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-522)**

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. It requires that wind energy must provide a tangible benefit of lower electricity rates for ratepayers in this State and adds a new definition of "cumulative scenic impact" to allow for rulemaking to address potential cumulative impacts related to multiple wind energy generating facilities. It changes the size of the area in which an analysis of visual impact must be undertaken from 3 and 8 miles as in current law to 8 and 15 miles. Additionally, it creates a rebuttable presumption of unreasonable adverse effect on the scenic character of an area if the generating facility is located within 15 miles of Acadia National Park, the Appalachian Trail, a federally designated wilderness area, Baxter State Park or the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

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### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 325 modifies the permitting process for grid-scale wind energy developments by providing for public comment and the opportunity for the public to request a hearing and by permitting an intervenor to request an adjudicatory hearing. It provides a rebuttable presumption that wind energy development constitutes a significant adverse effect on natural resources if proposed in a Bicknell's Thrush habitat 25 acres or larger in which Bicknell's Thrush have been documented. The public law also requires that a grid-scale wind energy development permit application must contain options for best practical mitigation to reduce impacts on scenic or wildlife resources.

**LD 441      Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Develop a Plan To Reform Regulation of Consumer-owned Water Utilities      RESOLVE 47**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL DION	OTP-AM	S-94

This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission to develop a plan to reform water regulation and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than December 31, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology may report out a bill to reform water regulation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. It also directs the commission to seek to process any filings submitted by water utilities for exemptions under the laws governing utilities with as much deliberate speed as possible, within the constraints of existing resources.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)**

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Public Utilities Commission to develop a plan to reform regulation of consumer-owned water utilities. It changes the date for the commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology from December 31, 2013 to January 31, 2014. It also directs the commission to continue to process any filings submitted by consumer-owned water utilities for exemptions under the laws governing utilities with as much deliberate speed as possible, within the constraints of existing resources.

### Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 47 directs the Public Utilities Commission to develop a plan to reform regulation of consumer-owned water utilities and to submit the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 31, 2014. The commission is directed to continue to process any filings submitted by consumer-owned water utilities for exemptions under the laws governing utilities with as much deliberate speed as possible, within the constraints of existing resources.

**LD 616      An Act To Amend the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development under the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY SHERMAN	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill amends unallocated language in Public Law 2007, chapter 661, "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Wind Power Development," to remove Carrying Place Township, Concord Township, Highland Plantation, Lexington Township and Pleasant Ridge Plantation from the expedited permitting

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area for the purposes of that Act and directs the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to amend its rules accordingly.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-527)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to adopt major substantive rules to establish a process to remove a specific location from the expedited permitting area for certain wind energy development under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 34-A. This amendment prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection from accepting an application for a permit for an expedited wind energy development under certain circumstances in Carrying Place Township, Concord Township, Highland Plantation, Lexington Township and Pleasant Ridge Plantation until after the process for removal of a specified place from the expedited permitting area is established by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-528)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It requires the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to adopt major substantive rules to establish a process to remove a specific location from the expedited permitting area for certain wind energy development under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 34-A. It specifies that the process must include a petition and limits the removal to places that are adjacent to locations that are not within the expedited permitting area and requires that the removal of the place not compromise the fulfillment of the State's wind energy policies. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

The bill was committed back to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The bill was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145 as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 646      An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
YOUNGBLOOD DUNPHY		

This bill removes the 100-megawatt maximum capacity limit for a source of electrical generation to qualify as a renewable resource for purposes of meeting the State's renewable resource portfolio requirement.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 675      An Act To Amend the Charter of the Veazie Sewer District      P & S 13  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN	OTP-AM	H-138

This bill amends the territory of the Veazie Sewer District by including all of the Town of Veazie that lies between the Penobscot River and Interstate 95.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-138)**

This amendment requires the Veazie Sewer District to conduct the election of its trustees in the same manner and at

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the same date and time as the Town of Veazie elects its municipal officers and repeals the requirement that the election be held at an annual meeting. This amendment allows the trustees to establish a regular meeting schedule and establishes notice requirements for special and emergency meetings. This amendment authorizes the trustees of the Veazie Sewer District to set the date by which nomination papers must be made available to prospective candidates and the date by which completed nomination papers must be filed. The amendment also establishes a process for the recall of a member of the board of trustees.

Many of the concepts in this amendment were presented as a sponsor's amendment at the public hearing.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 13 amends the territory of the Veazie Sewer District by including all of the Town of Veazie that lies between the Penobscot River and Interstate 95. This bill requires the Veazie Sewer District to conduct the election of its trustees in the same manner and at the same date and time as the Town of Veazie elects its municipal officers and repeals the requirement that the election be held at an annual meeting. This bill allows the trustees to establish a regular meeting schedule and establishes notice requirements for special and emergency meetings. This bill authorizes the trustees of the Veazie Sewer District to set the date by which nomination papers must be made available to prospective candidates and the date by which completed nomination papers must be filed. The bill also establishes a process for the recall of a member of the board of trustees.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 13 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 24, 2013.

**LD 676      Resolve, To Direct the Public Utilities Commission To Review      ONTP**  
**Telecommunications Services in Northern Oxford County**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT PATRICK	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission to review telecommunications services in northern Oxford County, including investigating whether there exists an anticompetitive concentration of market share by one or more telecommunications service providers that has resulted in a degradation of service to the customers of the providers.

The committee voted this resolve ought-not-to-pass at the request of the sponsor.

**LD 697      An Act To Increase Maine's Energy Competitiveness      INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ KRUGER	OTP-AM	S-292

This bill allows transmission and distribution utilities and gas utilities to provide grants and loans, including loans with on-bill financing, for customers converting to alternative energy sources.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-292)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the provisions in the bill. The amendment authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to extend the number of customers who may participate in the pilot program for efficient electric heat

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pumps and extend the length of the pilot period, allows more flexibility in the manner in which incentives are provided to customers and clarifies that nothing in the legislation related to the pilot program is intended to limit any currently existing authority of the Public Utilities Commission to establish special rates with respect to customers participating in the pilot program, as long as the costs of the pilot program are recovered only from customers participating in the program.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this amendment into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 774      **Resolve, Regarding a Fire and Police Protocols Pilot Program for E-9-1-1 Call Processing**      **ONTP****

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBS CLEVELAND	ONTP	

This resolve gives the Public Utilities Commission the authority to conduct pilot programs at public safety answering points to examine the benefits of and resources needed to implement a statewide fire and police protocols program for E-9-1-1 call processing in the State's public safety answering points. The resolve also requires the Public Utilities Commission to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters by December 31, 2014 regarding any pilot program conducted. The resolve also authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass. It sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission asking for more information on the proposed pilot program and stated that it intends to consider the pilot program in the context of the other bills related to E-9-1-1 and Public Safety Answering Points that the committee voted to carry-over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature. Please see LD 196, An Act Regarding the Implementation of the Quality Assurance Program for Public Safety Answering Points and LD 275 Resolve, To Require the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to Expand the Existing Quality Assurance Program for more information.

**LD 795      **An Act To Amend the Net Energy Billing Program To Allow Participation by Certain Municipal Entities**      **ONTP****

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGSTAFF LACHOWICZ	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend the net energy billing program established by rule by the Public Utilities Commission to allow a municipal or quasi-municipal entity with a renewable energy facility that generates no more than 800 kilowatts to participate in the program.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass, but carried over a number of bills related to renewable energy policies and plans to include net energy billing in its consideration of those bills. The bills that the committee carried over are: LD 646, An Act to Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy, LD 1085, An Act to Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff, LD 1252, An Act to Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy and LD 1278, An Act to Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts.

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**LD 796      Resolve, To Enhance Economic Development by Encouraging  
Businesses Adjacent to Electric Power Generators To Obtain Power  
Directly**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R TUTTLE		

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This resolve proposes to establish a stakeholder group to identify barriers to and incentives for the direct purchase of electricity by businesses adjacent to electricity-generating facilities, with the intent that the direct purchase of the electricity will decrease total electricity costs to the businesses. The stakeholder group may be chaired by a representative of the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate or the Governor's Energy Office. Stakeholders may include representatives from the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the Governor's Energy Office, the Department of Economic and Community Development, municipalities, business associations, transmission and distribution utilities, electricity generators and up to two Legislators appointed by the presiding officers. Other than the two Legislators appointed by the presiding officers, the members of the stakeholder group may be appointed by the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate or the Governor's Energy Office.

The stakeholder group would examine the effects of exit fees, limitations on authority to construct electric transmission lines and the need for backup service from transmission and distribution utilities on the ability of a business to purchase electricity directly from an electricity-generating facility adjacent to the business's property. Additionally, the stakeholder group may consider the feasibility of designating businesses located adjacent to electricity-generating facilities as Pine Tree Development Zone businesses, regardless of the type of business, in order to encourage development in those locations so that the businesses may take advantage of the benefits provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-E. The stakeholder group would be required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 15, 2014 the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including any suggested legislation. The committee would be authorized to report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

The committee sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting a report on the progress of a rate design case planned to be initiated at the commission during the interim. That case may affect this policy. The committee requested that the report be submitted by December 10, 2013 and that the report include any information that might be relevant to the committee's consideration of LD 796, especially any changes to rate design standards that may incentivize the direct purchase of electricity by a business from an adjacent electricity generator. The committee is also expressed interest in information relating to any changes in the way that stand-by fees are levied.

**LD 797      An Act To Strengthen Basic Telephone Service**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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This bill proposes to strengthen basic telephone service in order to ensure that all consumers have access to a certain minimum level of telecommunications service that is reliable, affordable and adequate to meet the needs of consumers.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass at the request of the sponsor.

**LD 826      An Act To Eliminate the Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS JACKSON T		

This bill prohibits a transmission and distribution utility from charging a customer a fee or a higher rate for declining the installation or for the removal of a wireless smart meter. If a customer declines the installation of a wireless smart meter, the transmission and distribution utility may decrease the number of times the electromechanical meter is read, but may not read the meter less frequently than once every 12 months, and may establish a rate collection method that is based upon the average electricity consumption of the customer.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 827      An Act To Increase Access to Natural Gas      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY WHITTEMORE	ONTP	

This bill requires a gas utility organized under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 2101 for the purposes named in that section that is authorized to supply gas in a geographic area as of March 1, 2013 but is not serving customers in that area and will not guarantee to serve those customers within 12 months of a request to serve customers in that area to allow another gas utility to interconnect to its existing pipes and requires the gas utility to provide wholesale service to that interconnecting gas utility for the purpose of serving customers in that area.

**LD 863      Resolve, To Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Consumer Energy Costs      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
YOUNGBLOOD	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission to work together to develop a new regional greenhouse gas initiative offset category for fuel switching and further directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission to promote this category with other regional greenhouse gas initiative states. The Department of Environmental Protection is required to provisionally adopt major substantive rules regarding the offset category and submit them to the Legislature by March 1, 2015.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

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**LD 876      Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Issues Relating to  
Broadband Infrastructure Deployment**

**RESOLVE 28**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON C THERIAULT	OTP-AM	S-41

This resolve directs the ConnectME Authority to establish a working group to identify technical, legal, funding and jurisdictional challenges to the deployment of broadband conduit for fiber-optic communications and to develop solutions necessary to achieve and facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure. The resolve directs the authority to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1, 2014. The resolve gives the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation authority to submit either individually or jointly a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-41)**

This amendment adds the Public Advocate and a representative of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce as members of the working group. It expands the scope of the duties to include consideration of dig-once policies to encourage broadband build-out to unserved areas of the State and removes the authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to submit legislation.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 28 directs the ConnectME Authority to establish a working group to identify technical, legal, funding and jurisdictional challenges to the deployment of broadband conduit for fiber-optic communications and to develop solutions necessary to achieve and facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure. The resolve directs the authority to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1, 2014. The resolve gives the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

**LD 885      An Act To Remove Obsolete Provisions of the Electric Industry  
Restructuring Laws**

**PUBLIC 116**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLEVELAND HOBBINS	OTP-AM	S-52

This bill repeals provisions of the electric industry restructuring laws that:

1. Require electric utilities to issue unbundled bills to consumers that state the cost of the electricity separately from the cost of the transmission and distribution of that electricity;
2. Establish a consumer education program, and a funding mechanism for that program, regarding the implementation of retail competition in the State's retail electricity markets and its impact on consumers. The program was time limited and has concluded. The Public Utilities Commission is directed to transfer any remaining balance in the Public Utilities Commission Consumer Education Fund to the General Fund; and
3. Require each investor-owned utility to prepare a plan for providing transition services and benefits for employees who were employed by the utility on January 1, 1998 and are laid off due to retail competition, which is defined as,

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absent other just cause, a layoff that occurs after March 1, 2000 and before December 31, 2001. This provision is no longer necessary since that date has been reached.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-52)**

This amendment retains a provision of law repealed in the bill that requires generation service and transmission and distribution service charges to appear separately on an electricity bill and directs any funds remaining in the Public Utilities Commission Consumer Education Fund to be transferred to the Office of the Public Advocate for the purposes of consumer education.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 116 repeals provisions of the electric industry restructuring laws that:

1. Establish a consumer education program, and a funding mechanism for that program, regarding the implementation of retail competition in the State's retail electricity markets and its impact on consumers. The program was time limited and has concluded. The Public Utilities Commission is directed to transfer any remaining balance in the Public Utilities Commission Consumer Education Fund to the Office of Public Advocate for the purposes of consumer education relating to the electricity industry; and
2. Require each investor-owned utility to prepare a plan for providing transition services and benefits for employees who were employed by the utility on January 1, 1998 and are laid off due to retail competition, which is defined as, absent other just cause, a layoff that occurs after March 1, 2000 and before December 31, 2001. This provision is no longer necessary since that date has been reached.

### **LD 894      An Act To Provide Customers with Itemized Bills**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MONAGHAN-DERRIG VALENTINO	ONTP	

This bill requires each provider of cable television, phone or Internet services to annually furnish by the United States Postal Service to each of its customers with an account address in this State an itemized bill that includes an explanation of all charges, fees and taxes applicable to the customer's account.

### **LD 927      An Act To Further Energy Independence for the State**

**PUBLIC 415**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCGOWAN	OTP-AM	H-554

This bill requires a new comprehensive state energy plan to be drafted by the Governor's Energy Office and a new climate action plan to be drafted by the Department of Environmental Protection. This bill establishes new fossil fuel reduction, energy efficiency and renewable energy goals. This bill encourages, and in some cases requires, consultation between the Governor's Energy Office, the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Department of Environmental Protection, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters in the drafting of the plans or reporting out of legislation in response to the plans.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-554)**

This amendment consolidates various reporting requirements of the Governor's Energy Office into two primary

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reports, the annual report under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C-1 and the biennial update to the comprehensive state energy plan under Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 415 consolidates various reporting requirements of the Governor's Energy Office into two primary reports, the annual report under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C-1 and the biennial update to the comprehensive state energy plan under Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C.

**LD 948 An Act To Promote the Installation of Masonry Stoves**

**PUBLIC 157**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON C MCCABE	OTP-AM	S-51

This bill provides that renewable energy installations under "the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act" include masonry stoves.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)**

This amendment clarifies that masonry stoves and wood pellet systems are types of biomass systems.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 157 makes it explicit that a masonry stove is a type of biomass system that is considered a renewable energy installation under "the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act."

**LD 950 An Act To Establish the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON		

This bill requires that, beginning October 1, 2013, all new transmission line and electrical installations capable of carrying 5,000 volts or more of electricity must be set back at least 300 feet from residential homes, residential care facilities, hospitals, schools, licensed daycare facilities, playgrounds, youth centers, religious facilities and youth camps.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

The committee sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting specific information regarding electromagnetic fields and transmission lines be submitted to the committee by November 30, 2013.

**LD 964 An Act To Encourage Community-based Renewable Energy**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE CUSHING	ONTP	

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This bill amends the Community-based Renewable Energy Act to remove the requirement that a program participant be located within the service territory of an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility with whom it contracts.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass, but carried over a number of bills related to renewable energy policies and plans to include community-based renewable energy in its consideration of those bills. The bills that the committee carried over are: LD 646, An Act to Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy, LD 1085, An Act to Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff, LD 1252, An Act to Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy and LD 1278, An Act to Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts.

**LD 965      An Act To Improve Maine's Underground Facility Damage Prevention Program      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAULIEU CLEVELAND		

This bill establishes the Dig Safe Advisory Board, which will collaborate with the Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of improving the protection of underground facilities. The bill also requires that persons who own underground facilities and who are not members of the underground facility damage prevention system register their facilities with the Public Utilities Commission and provide the commission with current 24-hour contact information for purposes of notification regarding excavations.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1004      An Act To Clarify Voting Procedures for Standard Water Districts      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBINS		

This bill clarifies voting procedures for standard water districts. Currently, standard district charters and charter amendments approved by the Legislature and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, sections 6410, 6413 and 6413-A use language to the effect that referendum elections or trustee elections must be conducted in accordance with the laws relating to municipal elections without explicitly stating that the secret ballot method of voting is to be used. This bill clarifies that secret ballot voting in accordance with Title 30-A, section 2528 is the method to be used to enact or amend a standard district charter by referendum, to elect trustees or to establish or amend a debt limit by referendum, even if a municipality in which the standard district is located has not accepted this method of voting.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 1012 An Act Regarding Automated Calls**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAULIEU	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to strengthen the complaint process, enforcement and penalties regarding the laws involving telephone solicitations, particularly automated telephone solicitations for political candidates or issues or by nonprofit organizations.

**LD 1013 An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND COLLINS		

This bill provides that a retailer may not sell at retail in this State a cellular telephone unless the cellular telephone and its packaging bear a warning label relating to the potential health effects associated with nonthermal effects of cellular telephone radiation. It requires the manufacturer of the cellular telephone to provide the warning labels to the retailer at no cost to the retailer. The bill also requires that any safety notification supplied by a cellular telephone manufacturer must have the language of the safety notification plainly visible on the outside of the product package or, if using a label, the label must be plainly visible on the outside of the package. This bill also requires the retailer to provide an information bulletin to the purchaser of a cellular telephone informing the purchaser of potential health risks associated with the use of cellular telephones. A violation of this provision is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1026 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ashland Water and Sewer District**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T NADEAU A	OTP-AM	S-69

This bill gives the Ashland Water and Sewer District the authority to impose a lien on the property of an individual, firm or corporation for nonpayment of assessments established by the district for service used by the individual, firm or corporation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-69)**

This amendment imposes a lien on the property of an individual, firm or corporation for nonpayment of assessments established by the Ashland Water and Sewer District for service used by the individual, firm or corporation, subject to approval through a local referendum.

**Enacted Law Summary**

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Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 10 imposes a lien on the property of an individual, firm or corporation for nonpayment of assessments established by the Ashland Water and Sewer District for service used by the individual, firm or corporation, subject to approval through a local referendum.

**LD 1060 An Act To Address Rising Electric Transmission Rates**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NEWENDYKE		

This bill requires that the Public Utilities Commission may not issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a transmission line unless a description of the need for the proposed transmission line is provided; an analysis of nontransmission alternatives is conducted by an independent 3rd party selected by the Public Utilities Commission; the projected cost of the proposed transmission line is compared to the projected cost of feasible nontransmission alternatives based on total projected costs, regardless of who pays; preference is given to lower-cost alternatives; cleaner alternatives are given preference over alternatives that rely on fossil fuels; the Public Utilities Commission makes specific findings as to whether alternatives can address the identified need at lower total cost; and all cost-effective energy efficiency and demand response resources are being acquired in the applicable service territory of the utility that has proposed the project. This bill requires that, when the commission determines that the nontransmission alternatives can address the need at lower total cost but represent a larger increased cost to ratepayers of the State than the proposed transmission line, the commission make reasonable efforts to achieve an agreement among the states within the New England independent system operator region to allocate the cost of the nontransmission alternatives among the ratepayers of the region using the allocation method used for transmission lines or another allocation method that results in lower increased cost to ratepayers of the State.

This bill also requires that lower-voltage projects that are capable of operating at less than 69 kilovolts and projected to cost in excess of \$20,000,000 must be reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities Commission before erection of the transmission line. The bill also establishes standards the Public Utilities Commission must use to review a lower-voltage project.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1061 An Act To Regulate Meteorological Data-gathering Towers in Maine**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY	ONTP	

This bill requires applicants for wind energy permits to submit to the permitting municipality, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection a detailed summary of the data from each meteorological tower the applicant used in evaluating the suitability of a site for a wind energy development. The bill also requires municipalities, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection to provide certain notifications relating to permits for the construction or installation of a meteorological tower. The required notifications include notice to landowners within 8 miles of the tower, publication in daily and weekly newspapers and posting on the Internet.

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**LD 1085      An Act To Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON C		

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a renewable energy resources feed-in tariff program to encourage the rapid and sustainable development of renewable energy resources and technology for environmentally healthy generation of electricity. It requires that utilities purchase renewably produced electricity from all qualified suppliers. It sets the rate that electric utilities must pay for such power. It requires that utilities enter into a standard contract with all renewable energy suppliers for a set term. It establishes for the Public Utilities Commission management and oversight responsibilities.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1115      Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Study Reimbursement for Installation of Utility Poles      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission to convene a stakeholder group to study the issues surrounding reimbursement for the installation of utility poles and to report its findings, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than January 1, 2014.

**LD 1145      An Act To Help Homeowners Reduce Heating Costs through Energy Efficiency      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHAPMAN	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to extend resources to the Efficiency Maine Trust to facilitate coordination of services, such as weatherization, heat pumping, heating oil efficiency programs and other energy conservation strategies.

**LD 1146      An Act To Encourage the Use of Renewable Energy      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DORNEY BOYLE	ONTP	

This bill adds specific requirements for the Public Utilities Commission regarding net energy billing. The requirements specify that net energy billing credits do not expire, that the credits are transferable, that there is no

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ownership requirement to qualify for net energy billing, that there is no limit on the number of meters that may be net metered against an eligible facility and that eligible facilities may have a generating capacity of up to 2 megawatts.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass, but carried over a number of bills related to renewable energy policies and plans to include net energy billing in its consideration of those bills. The bills that the committee carried over are: LD 646, An Act to Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy, LD 1085, An Act to Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff, LD 1252, An Act to Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy and LD 1278, An Act to Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts.

**LD 1147    An Act To Protect Maine's Scenic Character**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	REF TO EUT/OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This bill makes several changes to the scenic impact provisions of the laws governing expedited permitting of grid-scale wind energy development enacted in 2008. It offers the possibility of protecting scenic resources that have been identified as significant by municipalities in their comprehensive plans and the scenic resources of certain great ponds on which there are commercial sporting camps; increases from 8 miles to 15 miles the jurisdictional distance for requiring visual impact assessments; and creates a rebuttable presumption that proposed grid-scale wind energy development projects within 15 miles of Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, the Appalachian Trail, a federally designated wilderness area or the Allagash Wilderness Waterway will have an unreasonable adverse effect on a scenic resource. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to consider the cumulative impacts of development when permitting grid-scale wind energy development projects under the laws governing expedited permitting of grid-scale wind energy development. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to undertake rulemaking with respect to required decommissioning plans and directs updates of the great ponds studies done in 1987 and 1989.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-550)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It adds a new definition of "cumulative scenic impact or effect" to address potential cumulative impacts related to multiple wind energy generating facilities that are observed from a scenic resource of state or national significance. It changes the size of the area in which an analysis of visual impact must be undertaken from 3 and 8 miles currently to 8 and 15 miles. It creates a rebuttable presumption of unreasonable adverse effect on scenic character if the generating facility is located within 15 miles of Acadia National Park, the Appalachian Trail, a federally designated wilderness area, Baxter State Park or the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

This amendment was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

The bill was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145 as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1187    An Act To Create the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Authority**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE CLEVELAND	ONTP	

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This bill establishes the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Authority for the purpose of entering into contracts to procure and resell natural gas pipeline capacity and electric energy and capacity, to identify and designate corridors for the construction of natural gas transmission pipelines and to enter into long-term contracts for the use of natural gas pipeline corridors through the development of natural gas pipelines.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 1242     An Act To Dissolve the Anson Water District**

**LEAVE TO  
WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY		

This bill dissolves the Anson Water District on September 1, 2014.

**LD 1243     An Act Regarding Next Generation 9-1-1 and Making Changes in  
Surcharge Remittance for Certain Telecommunications Service  
Providers**

**PUBLIC 119**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBINS CLEVELAND	OTP	

This bill expands the scope of E-9-1-1 services to include emerging communications technologies. This bill changes the E-9-1-1 surcharge remittance period from monthly to quarterly for local exchange telephone utilities, cellular or wireless telecommunications service providers and interconnected voice over Internet protocol service providers whose average monthly surcharge remittance payment for the prior calendar year is less than \$5,000 and allows the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to expend funds on emerging communications technologies.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 119 expands the scope of E-9-1-1 services to include emerging communications technologies. This law changes the E-9-1-1 surcharge remittance period from monthly to quarterly for local exchange telephone utilities, cellular or wireless telecommunications service providers and interconnected voice over Internet protocol service providers whose average monthly surcharge remittance payment for the prior calendar year is less than \$5,000 and allows the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to expend funds on emerging communications technologies.

**LD 1251     An Act To Lower Costs to Municipalities and Reduce Energy  
Consumption through Increased Competition in the Municipal Street  
Light Market**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NELSON MAZUREK	OTP-AM	H-472

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This bill requires electricity transmission and distribution utilities to provide 3 options for municipal street lighting programs: the utility-provided services option, the municipally owned, utility-installed option and the municipally owned, installed and maintained option. Under these various options, the bill provides for how a municipality may be charged for the utility infrastructure services provided, how the location of street and area lighting will be provided on the utility poles, at what rates or by what methods the electricity delivery charges may be assessed and how a municipality may transition from one option to another during the course of any year.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-472)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the provisions of the bill. The amendment requires electricity transmission and distribution utilities to provide new options for municipal street lighting programs and provides for how a municipality may be charged for the utility infrastructure services provided, how the location of street and area lighting will be provided, at what rates or by what methods the electricity delivery charges may be assessed and how a municipality may transition from one option to another during the course of any year.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this amendment into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 1252      An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MORRISON GRATWICK		

This bill reinstates the solar and wind energy rebate program, which provided rebates for the purchase of certain solar and wind energy equipment, until June 30, 2018. The program had expired December 31, 2010. This bill also increases the limit on the total amount of renewable capacity allowed under the community-based renewable energy pilot program from 50 megawatts to 60 megawatts and requires the Public Utilities Commission to reserve 10 megawatts in that program for solar-powered generating systems. The bill increases the limit on the contract price the commission can authorize for eligible solar-power generation and indexes the price limit to the Consumer Price Index. It also extends the repeal date for the Community-based Renewable Energy Act from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2017. The bill requires the commission to submit to the Legislature by January 15, 2014 a report on options for establishing a solar carve-out, or solar set-aside, an amount of energy purchased that must be solar, within the State's renewable portfolio standard.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1262      An Act To Reduce Energy Costs      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE	ONTP	

This bill establishes the Energy Cost Reduction Oversight Board.

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This bill gives the Finance Authority of Maine the authority to issue revenue obligation securities to finance an energy cost-reduction contract.

This bill gives the Director of the Governor's Energy Office the authority to submit energy cost-reduction contract proposals to procure natural gas pipeline capacity or to lease the use of property, lands or waters of the State for the purposes of gas, water or electricity transmission corridors to the Energy Cost Reduction Oversight Board and the Public Utilities Commission for approval.

This bill establishes the standards for the Energy Cost Reduction Oversight Board and the Public Utilities Commission to approve an energy cost-reduction contract.

This bill requires the Director of the Governor's Energy Office to notify the Legislature when an energy cost-reduction contract proposal is submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for approval.

This bill gives the Public Utilities Commission authority to direct an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, a natural gas utility and a natural gas pipeline utility to assess ratepayers for the cost of an energy cost-reduction contract, the bonds associated with an energy cost-reduction contract and the administration of an energy cost-reduction contract.

This bill establishes the Energy Cost Reduction Trust Fund, to be administered by the Public Utilities Commission, to receive the revenue or profits generated from energy cost-reduction contracts and directs those funds towards initiatives to reduce energy costs for ratepayers.

This bill exempts energy cost-reduction contracts for the resale of natural gas pipeline capacity from the competitive bid requirements of the State Purchasing Agent.

This bill gives the Public Utilities Commission authority to investigate the exercise of market power by a gas utility, natural gas pipeline utility and any person who owns rights to natural gas pipeline capacity.

This bill authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this legislation.

The committee incorporated the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 1278    An Act To Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
YOUNGBLOOD CAMPBELL R		

This bill ensures that consumers of investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities in the State equitably share in the costs and direct benefits of long-term capacity resource contracts and community-based renewable energy projects. The bill provides that eligible costs and benefits related to these contracts are determined annually based on a forecast and reconciled the following year. The recovery mechanism established in this bill applies to existing long-term contracts and replaces any other recovery mechanism currently in place.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 1293 An Act To Create the Presque Isle Utilities District**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-458

This bill combines the Presque Isle Sewer District and the Presque Isle Water District to create the Presque Isle Utilities District.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-458)**

This amendment clarifies that the Presque Isle Utilities District is authorized to conduct its business in a way that is consistent with applicable federal, state and local law. This amendment corrects cross-references and clarifies the transition provisions regarding the terms of trustees. This amendment gives explicit authority to the existing sewer district and water district to transfer their assets and liabilities to the new utilities district and makes it clear that the transfer of assets and liabilities of the water district must be approved by the Public Utilities Commission. This amendment requires legislation to be submitted to repeal the charters of the Presque Isle Sewer District and the Presque Isle Water District once they are dissolved for the purposes of creating the Presque Isle Utilities District.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 15 combines the Presque Isle Sewer District and the Presque Isle Water District to create the Presque Isle Utilities District and requires legislation to be submitted to repeal the charters of the Presque Isle Sewer District and the Presque Isle Water District once they are dissolved for the purposes of creating the Presque Isle Utilities District.

**LD 1323 An Act Regarding Wind Power Siting in the Unorganized Territory**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	REF TO EUT/OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This bill provides that before the Department of Environmental Protection may approve a proposal for a grid-scale wind energy development in the unorganized or deorganized area of the State, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission must certify that the area where the development will be located has been zoned for planned development and removes a legislative finding regarding wind energy development in the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-549)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It repeals the provision of law specifying that an expedited wind energy development is a use requiring a permit but not a special exception. It repeals the requirement that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission make expedited wind energy development a use allowed with a permit in expedited permitting areas. The effect of the repeals is to require that, in order for a wind energy development in the unorganized or deorganized area of the State to receive a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection or the Maine Land Use Planning Commission, the development must be located in a subdistrict in which it is an allowed use. It also replaces a legislative finding regarding wind energy development in the unorganized and deorganized areas of

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the State and requires the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to amend its rules regarding allowed uses.

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

The bill was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145 as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1325      *Resolve, To Place a Temporary Suspension on Permitting of Certain Expedited Grid-scale Wind Energy Developments***

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAENRATH	ONTP OTP	

This resolve establishes a temporary suspension on the expedited permitting of specified grid-scale wind energy developments and establishes the Panel to Review the Permitting of Expedited Wind Energy Development to review the recommendations of the report issued in March 2012 by the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security entitled "Maine Wind Energy Development Assessment: Report and Recommendations." The panel is directed to evaluate specifically the 25 separate recommendations contained in the report and to develop recommendations regarding implementation of each of the recommendations and to include in its report any recommendations to extend or terminate early the temporary suspension.

**LD 1336      *An Act To Dissolve the Lisbon Water Department***

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAFTS MASON G	ONTP	

This bill dissolves the Lisbon Water Department.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass but carried over LD 1396, An Act to Create the Lisbon Water District and intends to include the concepts presented in this bill in its consideration of LD 1396.

**LD 1342      *An Act To Authorize the Public Advocate To Mediate Disputes Related to Rates for Sewer Service***

**VETO  
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TREAT FLOOD	OTP-AM	H-352

This bill gives the Public Utilities Commission authority to investigate rate changes of sewer districts and sanitary districts, jointly referred to as "sewer utilities," if the commission receives a petition that meets certain criteria requesting it to do so. If the commission receives a valid petition, the rate must be suspended, investigated, reviewed and changed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 310. The bill includes a process for

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sewer utilities to challenge the validity of the petition. The bill gives the commission authority to adopt rules regarding rate regulation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-352)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It authorizes the Public Advocate to mediate between a sewer district and its customers with respect to a proposed rate change if 15% of the customers or 1,000 customers, whichever is less, petition the Public Advocate to mediate.

**LD 1348 An Act To Encourage School Administrative Units To Increase Their Energy Savings**

**PUBLIC 366**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DORNEY	OTP-AM ONTP	H-353

This bill authorizes the Efficiency Maine Trust to develop an energy program targeted to kindergarten to grade 12 schools, including charter schools.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-353)**

This amendment adds private schools to the list of the types of schools that may take advantage of the school energy savings program at the Efficiency Maine Trust. It expands the types of payments that the Efficiency Maine Trust may receive from schools, removes the rule-making requirement and clarifies that funds that may be available from the United States Department of Agriculture are for school districts with a population of less than 20,000 people.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 366 directs the Efficiency Maine Trust, to the extent funds are available, to develop a program to provide energy savings improvements to kindergarten through grade 12 schools. The program may provide incentives and technical support for energy audits and provide financial assistance to schools, including, but not limited to, through loan programs.

**LD 1375 An Act To Enhance Maine's Economy and Environment**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK	ONTP	

Part A of this bill repeals the Public Utilities Commission's authority to direct electric transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts. It repeals the requirement that grid-scale wind energy developments provide tangible benefits to host communities and repeals the State's wind energy generation goals. It directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to develop protocols to accept public complaints related to wind energy developments and directs the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a process for a neutral party to conduct a public hearing on any wind energy development that generates significant public interest. The public hearing must be held before the department may approve an application or issue a permit related to a wind energy development. Part A includes provisions to decrease the visual impact of wind turbines at night. It also fixes cross-references.

Part B of this bill establishes a property value guarantee program to ensure that a landowner whose real property is located within 8 miles of the base of a wind turbine is compensated for any reduction in property value resulting from the proximity of the wind turbine. A wind energy development owner or operator is required to notify landowners within an 8-mile radius of a planned wind turbine of the property value guarantee program. Landowners

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may choose to enter into a property value guarantee agreement with the wind energy development owner or operator under which the wind energy development owner or operator must pay the difference in property value if the landowner's real property is sold within 10 years of entering into the agreement for less than the asking price that is either agreed to by the parties or determined by appraisal. A landowner who receives compensation for the location of the wind turbine directly from the wind energy development owner or operator is not eligible to participate in the program unless the wind energy development owner or operator waives the disqualification.

Part B of the bill requires sellers of residential real property to disclose to the purchasers whether the property to be sold is located within the State's expedited wind energy development permitting area or to provide information regarding an existing permit or a pending permit application for a grid-scale wind energy development within 8 miles of the property.

Part B of the bill provides a compensation provision for landowners whose property values have diminished due to the location of wind turbines permitted before the effective date of the new program.

**LD 1386      An Act To Allocate Net Revenue from Energy Corridor Leases on the      ONTP  
Maine Turnpike for Purposes of Energy and Environmental  
Conservation**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOBBINS	ONTP	

Current law requires that net revenue from the lease of an energy corridor on the Maine Turnpike's right-of-way be deposited in the Efficiency Maine Trust. This bill instead requires 10% of the net revenue to be deposited in the Efficiency Maine Trust and requires the balance to be used by the Maine Turnpike Authority for environmental and energy conservation initiatives either for the Maine Turnpike or for the State's broader transportation sector in joint projects with the Department of Transportation as currently allowed for in the turnpike's enabling act.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass but addressed the issue of revenues derived from the use of state-owned land and assets for energy infrastructure development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 122 in committee bill LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 1396      An Act To Create the Lisbon Water District      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T BEAVERS		

This bill creates the Lisbon Water District.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 1403      Resolve, To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Amend Its  
Rules Regarding Net Energy Billing**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WELSH GERZOFSKY	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission to amend its rules regarding net energy billing to resolve inconsistencies in the rules adopted for net energy billing for small generators and the rules adopted regarding net energy billing authorized by statute by:

1. Increasing the eligible size for net energy billing to 1,000 kilowatts or less from the 660-kilowatt level;
2. Allowing third-party ownership of individual or multiple facilities;
3. Specifying that third-party-owned facilities are not competitive electricity providers;
4. Allowing groups of customers to participate in net energy billing without sharing ownership of the generating facility; and
5. Requiring a statement on contracts and agreements that the sale or delivery of kilowatt-hours of electricity to net energy billing customers is not subject to sales tax.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass, but carried over a number of bills related to renewable energy policies and plans to include net energy billing in its consideration of those bills. The bills that the committee carried over are: LD 646, An Act to Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy, LD 1085, An Act to Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff, LD 1252, An Act to Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy and LD 1278, An Act to Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts.

**LD 1425      An Act To Create Affordable Heating Options for Maine Residents and  
Reduce Business Energy Costs**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY	ONTP	

This bill amends the Efficiency Maine Trust laws by including energy cost reduction as a central mission of the trust. Specifically, it allows all energy sources to be eligible for funding to lower the cost of energy for Maine residents. In addition, the bill reduces electricity rates for industrial consumers by redirecting cap-and-trade auction revenue to reduce electricity rates. The bill provides additional flexibility for funding through an assessment that addresses all energy challenges in the State. Finally, the bill amends the regional greenhouse gas initiative laws and makes modifications to the structure of the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

The committee incorporated some of the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

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**LD 1426    An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Lower Energy Costs through  
Energy Efficiency**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOYLE RUSSELL	ONTP	

This bill changes the structure of the assessment imposed by the Public Utilities Commission for electric efficiency and conservation programs. The bill repeals the base rate of .145¢ per kilowatt hour and instead requires the commission to ensure that all electric ratepayers procure all energy efficiency resources found by the commission to be cost-effective, reliable and achievable and allows the commission to impose any order on transmission and distribution utilities necessary to achieve the energy efficiency savings.

The bill establishes a voluntary heating fuels efficiency and weatherization payment imposed on the transfer of a barrel of #2 heating oil or kerosene or the equivalent amount of propane. The voluntary payment is collected at the wholesale level and may not exceed 2% of the average retail price paid for a gallon of #2 heating oil or its equivalent in the previous year. The Efficiency Maine Trust may not collect the voluntary payment unless it is imposed on 90% of the fuel supplied to the State. The amount of the voluntary payment is set by the fuel dealers; this action is specifically excluded from any state law prohibiting price fixing or collusion. The voluntary payment is deposited in the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund and is matched by an equivalent transfer by the Efficiency Maine Trust from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund.

The bill prohibits transmission and distribution utilities and natural gas utilities from recovering costs from ratepayers for grants offered to a customer for fuel conversion of the customer's primary heating or cooling system and allows the utility to use shareholder funds for grants or loans for fuel conversions under certain circumstances.

The bill requires that, during 2014, 2015 and 2016, at least 65% of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Trust Fund must be allocated for measures, investments and arrangements that reduce electricity consumption, and not more than 35% must be allocated for fossil fuel conservation measures, investments and arrangements. The bill decreases the percentage of revenue generated from the use of energy efficiency corridors owned by the Department of Transportation that is deposited into the Secondary Road Program Fund from 90% to 20% and increases the percentage of revenue deposited in the energy infrastructure benefits fund from 10% to 80%.

The committee incorporated some of the concepts presented in this bill into LD 1559, An Act to Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment.

**LD 1434    An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Noise from Wind Turbines**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JONES		

This bill requires unregulated wind energy developments that buy and sell electricity to meet the same sound level standards that wind energy developments permitted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6 must meet.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 1442     An Act To Establish a Pilot Natural Gas District in Maine**

**P & S 17  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM	H-419

This bill establishes the Kennebec Valley Gas District, which is a pilot natural gas utility district.

The bill also requires the Public Utilities Commission to study and make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters by December 2, 2015, regarding the need for further enactment of legislation to facilitate or promote the purposes of the establishment of municipal natural gas utility districts in the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-419)**

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment establishes the Kennebec Regional Gas District to assist and help coordinate with the provision of natural gas from third-party suppliers or distributors of natural gas to the citizens, organizations and businesses of the district, including through grants, loans or other financial assistance; to assist in aggregating customers for the purpose of procuring natural gas supply to customers within the district who elect to participate in such aggregation; to provide grants, loans or other financial assistance to residential and commercial customers in the district to obtain natural gas or to assist such customers with natural gas conversions; to own, operate or assist in the development or operation of one or more facilities that use natural gas to cogenerate electric power and other useful energy; and to manage the district.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 17 establishes the Kennebec Regional Gas District to assist and help coordinate with the provision of natural gas from third-party suppliers or distributors of natural gas to the citizens, organizations and businesses of the district, including through grants, loans or other financial assistance; to assist in aggregating customers for the purpose of procuring natural gas supply to customers within the district who elect to participate in such aggregation; to provide grants, loans or other financial assistance to residential and commercial customers in the district to obtain natural gas or to assist such customers with natural gas conversions; to own, operate or assist in the development or operation of one or more facilities that use natural gas to cogenerate electric power and other useful energy; and to manage the district.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 17 was enacted an emergency measure effective June 29, 2013.

**LD 1456     An Act To Promote Local or Community-based Generation Projects**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND	ONTP	

This bill:

1. Requires that all meters installed by an electric transmission and distribution utility be electromechanical;
2. Requires that electric transmission and distribution utilities have neutral wires with the capacity to return 150% of excess power to the grid and that the wires return existing power at a rate that is greater than 95%. The commission is required to certify that transmission and distribution utilities meet this standard for neutral wires;

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3. Creates a new class of electricity generators, small renewable generators, for the purposes of requiring a standard-offer service provider to purchase the electricity generated from the small renewable generators at rates higher than market value for the first 15 to 25 years that the generator is connected to the grid; and
4. Directs the Public Utilities Commission to develop a set of recommendations including tax and regulatory incentives to encourage the development of decentralized microgrids or community-based or neighborhood-based clean energy generation facilities using solar, wind and geothermal energy as nontransmission alternatives.

**LD 1457 An Act To Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Sewer District**

**P & S 11**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EVES HILL	OTP	

This bill amends the charter of the South Berwick Sewer District by changing the annual meeting to the first Monday in March instead of the 2nd Monday in March and increasing the compensation for trustees from \$150 per year to \$350 per year and the compensation for the chair from \$250 per year to \$500 per year.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 11 amends the charter of the South Berwick Sewer District by changing the annual meeting to the first Monday in March instead of the 2nd Monday in March and increasing the compensation for trustees from \$150 per year to \$350 per year and the compensation for the chair from \$250 per year to \$500 per year.

**LD 1468 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish the High-efficiency Biomass, Pellet or Wood Boiler Rebate Program and the Home Heating Conversion Fund**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T HOBBINS	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill establishes the High-efficiency Biomass Pellet Boiler Rebate Program, administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust, to give rebates to owners or occupants of buildings who install high-efficiency wood pellet boilers or heating systems in the buildings. The rebates are paid from the Home Heating Conversion Fund, administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust, which also provides funds to replace outdoor wood boilers that do not meet air quality standards as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Home Heating Conversion Fund is funded by \$20,000,000 in revenue bonds issued by the Efficiency Maine Trust and paid for by the sale of sustainably harvested timber from public reserved lands.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-253)**

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment:

1. Establishes three goals relating to the use of revenue from the State's public reserved lands: to support the harvest of timber from the public reserved lands up to the sustainable yield on a year-to-year basis, to support land management and public access to public reserved lands and to support certain heating system programs;
2. In fiscal year 2013-14 allocates \$200,000 and in fiscal year 2014-15 allocates \$345,000 from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and

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Public Lands to fund the building of infrastructure for land management and public access opportunities;

3. In fiscal year 2013-14 allocates \$500,000 and in fiscal year 2014-15 allocates \$1,000,000 from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to fund a program, to be developed by the department, to provide funding assistance to the owners or occupants of residential buildings in this State to install high-efficiency, biomass-fueled, central heating systems or boilers as a primary heating source or to replace outdoor wood boilers that do not meet air quality standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Eligible systems under the program must have an efficiency rating of at least 80%;

4. Directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to establish a program to expand affordable residential heating options using funds allocated to the trust from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund. The program must provide funding assistance for new heating system installations and improvements that will significantly reduce residential energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the trust. Consistent with the purposes of the program, the program must provide funding assistance to systems on a technology-neutral basis. In providing assistance under the program, the trust must consider tax or grant subsidies from the Federal Government. The trust may develop specific programs for regions of the State where options for home heating have the highest costs; and

5. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 and biennially thereafter requires the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to determine the amount of funds needed to support the harvest of timber from the public reserved lands up to the sustainable yield on a year-to-year basis and to support land management and public access to public reserved lands. In fiscal year 2015-16, that amount must include \$450,000 to fund the building of infrastructure for land management and public access opportunities. Any funds in excess of that amount must be identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in the revenue estimated as available to be allocated to the Efficiency Maine Trust. The director also is directed to provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the Efficiency Maine Trust identifying the excess funds that may be allocated to the Efficiency Maine Trust.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-301)**

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment authorizes a General Fund bond issue to fund the High-efficiency Biomass Boiler Rebate Program to be administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to provide rebates through the Home Heating Conversion Fund for an owner or occupant of a building who installs a high-efficiency, biomass central heating system or boiler.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1471      An Act Authorizing the Board of Environmental Protection To Modify      ONTP  
a License for a Wind Energy Development**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill ensures that reductions in the sound level limits adopted by rule by the Department of Environmental Protection for the routine operation of wind energy developments are applied to previously approved wind energy developments. This bill directs the Board of Environmental Protection to modify an existing license for a wind energy development to implement sound level standards that were adopted by rule subsequent to the approval of the

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wind energy development.

**LD 1472     An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power and To Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment**

**PUBLIC 378**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KRUGER CAIN	OTP-AM	H-525 S-321    YOUNGBLOOD

This bill adds offshore wind energy developments and associated manufacturing as a targeted technology for support from the Maine Technology Institute.

This bill adds offshore wind energy developments and associated manufacturing as an eligible project to receive financial assistance from the Finance Authority of Maine.

This bill provides for a \$5,000,000 tax credit for ownership of offshore wind energy developments. This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission to implement a portfolio requirement that will guarantee the sale of any energy generated by an offshore wind energy development when the cost of that energy is substantially equal to market value.

This bill directs the Public Utilities Commission to identify specific criteria for issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity for an offshore wind energy development and to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature to establish the criteria in statute.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-525)**

This amendment removes the portions of the bill related to the Maine Technology Institute, the renewable portfolio standard and tax credits. It authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to issue a second solicitation for deep-water offshore wind projects under the provisions of Public Law 2009, chapter 615 if the original recipient of the contract does not move forward in development for any reason.

### **Senate Amendment "D" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-321)**

This amendment requires the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a second round of competitive solicitation for deep-water offshore wind energy pilot projects and provides that the University of Maine deep-water offshore wind energy pilot project is eligible to apply for designation as a pilot project. This amendment requires that, in order to be included in the review of proposals, such additional proposals must be received before September 1, 2013, and that the commission make every effort to finalize a contract.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 378 explicitly states that offshore wind energy developments and associated manufacturing projects are eligible to receive financial assistance from the Finance Authority of Maine.

This public law requires the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a second round of competitive solicitation for deep-water offshore wind energy pilot projects and provides that the University of Maine deep-water offshore wind energy pilot project is eligible to apply for designation as a pilot project. This amendment requires that, in order to be included in the review of proposals, such additional proposals must be received before September 1, 2013, and that the commission make every effort to finalize a contract.

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**LD 1479      An Act To Clarify Telecommunications Regulation Reform**

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill limits the amount of funds a provider of last resort service can receive from the state universal service fund. The bill establishes a procedure for the Public Utilities Commission to conduct an emergency rate case in response to a petition for a temporary increase in rates.

This bill provides that the Public Utilities Commission may not reassign the provider of last resort service obligation without the consent of the current service provider unless that provider is unable to provide the service in accordance with state law. This bill provides that the rate charged to customers for provider of last resort service must be uniform throughout the State for a service provider, must be within 2 standard deviations of the national average and may not be set at a level that will jeopardize the receipt of federal funding to support telecommunications services.

This bill amends the section of law related to the assessment to fund the Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public Advocate to include all utilities that were included prior to the enactment of Public Law 2011, chapter 623. It expands the assessment to include a person that provides voice over Internet protocol service over facilities that it, or an affiliated company, owns or leases, regardless of whether that service provider paid the assessment prior to March 1, 2012.

This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Public Law 2011, chapter 623, Part A, section 25 and Part D, section 7. As required by the public law, the Public Utilities Commission submitted to the committee a report to create a framework for establishing rates for provider of last resort service and a report regarding assessments paid by voice service providers on January 15, 2013.

The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has not taken a position on the substance of this bill and by reporting this bill out the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of this bill. The committee is reporting the bill out for the sole purpose of turning the issues raised in the Public Utilities Commission's reports into a printed bill that can be referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course. The committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency in the legislative review of the framework for setting the rates for provider of last resort service.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

This amendment, which is the majority report, replaces the bill. It clarifies provisions regarding the collection of the assessment on public utilities and qualified telecommunications providers to fund the Public Utilities Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 116. It removes the requirement that providers of radio paging service contribute to the universal service fund. It prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from reassigning the provider of last resort obligation unless the current service provider is unable or unwilling to provide the service or has substantially failed or is likely to fail in providing the service. It establishes that a provider of provider of last resort service may file for a general rate increase under Title 35-A, chapter 3 and provides criteria for those rates. It allows the commission to approve a temporary rate increase for a provider of provider of last resort service with more than 75,000 working access lines through an expedited rate case or through a determination made 60 days into an investigation as a result of a filing for a general rate increase. This amendment allows the commission to provide no more than \$6,000,000 in universal service fund support to a provider of provider of last resort service with more than 75,000 access lines.

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This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. This amendment clarifies provisions regarding the assessments collected from public utilities and qualified telecommunications providers to fund the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 116. This amendment removes the requirement of the bill that all providers of voice over Internet protocol service that provide the service over facilities that the provider or an affiliated company owns or leases pay the assessment under section 116. This amendment removes the requirement that providers of radio paging service contribute to the universal service fund. This amendment removes the prohibition on commission reassignment of the provider of last resort obligation. This amendment adds specific records regarding cost allocation to the documents that must be filed for an expedited rate case.

**LD 1501    An Act To Apply the Precautionary Principle to Decision Making in Certain State Agencies**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection to employ the precautionary principle in their decision-making process regarding a review of proposed action in matters of environmental safety and public health. The precautionary principle must be used in cases in which, after a review of the best scientific information available, there are reasonable grounds for concern that a proposed action will have potentially dangerous effects on the environment or human, animal or plant health although scientific uncertainty exists regarding these potentially dangerous effects. In cases in which the precautionary principle must be used, its use requires the burden of proof to be placed on the proponent of the proposed action to show that the proposed action presents no appreciable risk of harm to the environment or human, animal or plant health.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-460)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. This amendment provides that, in an adjudicatory proceeding initiated after the effective date of this legislation, if the Public Utilities Commission determines, after a review of the best scientific information available, there are reasonable grounds for concern that a proposed action that is the subject of the adjudicatory proceeding will result in serious or irreversible damage to the environment or human, animal or plant health, the commission may require, as a condition of approval of the proposed action, that all cost-effective measures be taken to prevent that damage.

**LD 1507    An Act To Include Useful Thermal Energy as a Renewable Energy Source**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill provides that renewable energy credits may be based on renewable energy derived from geothermal, solar thermal or biomass thermal sources that can be metered, that is delivered to an end user in the form of direct heat, steam, hot water or other thermal form and that is used for heating, cooling, humidity control, process use or other thermal end use, the energy requirements for which nonrenewable fuel or electricity would be otherwise consumed. The bill requires the Public Utilities Commission by rule to provide a methodology for measurement of useful thermal energy and valuation of that energy for purposes of calculating renewable energy credits.

The committee voted this bill ought-not-to-pass, but carried over a number of bills related to renewable energy

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policies and plans to include the potential to incentivize useful thermal energy as a renewable energy source in its consideration of those bills. The bills that the committee carried over are: LD 646, An Act to Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy, LD 1085, An Act to Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff, LD 1252, An Act to Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy and LD 1278, An Act to Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts.

**LD 1517     An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Decision-making Authority  
                  Regarding Energy Infrastructure Corridors**

**PUBLIC 360**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL	OTP-AM	H-459

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Interagency Review Panel.

1. It adds as members of the panel the Governor's senior economic advisor and the Director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management within the Executive Department or the director's designee.
2. It eliminates one of the public members of the panel.
3. It requires that a decision by the panel regarding an energy infrastructure corridor proposal be approved by the Governor before the State may enter into a binding contract with respect to the proposal.
4. It specifies that payments for appraisal costs collected from potential developers of an energy infrastructure corridor must be deposited in the energy infrastructure benefits fund.

This bill also changes the date on which the section of law governing energy infrastructure corridors is scheduled to be repealed from July 30, 2015 to July 30, 2017.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-459)**

The bill removes a public member from the Interagency Review Panel; this amendment restores that member. The bill proposes to add the Governor's senior economic advisor to the panel; this amendment replaces this member with the Public Advocate. The amendment also provides that appraisal costs collected from potential developers may be used not only for the costs of appraisal services but also to reimburse members of the review panel for expenses.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 360 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Interagency Review Panel.

1. It adds as members of the panel the Public Advocate and the Director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management within the Executive Department or the director's designee.
2. It requires that a decision by the panel regarding an energy infrastructure corridor proposal be approved by the Governor before the State may enter into a binding contract with respect to the proposal.
3. It specifies that payments for appraisal costs collected from potential developers of an energy infrastructure corridor may be used not only for the costs of appraisal services but also to reimburse members of the review panel for expenses.

This bill also changes the date on which the section of law governing energy infrastructure corridors is scheduled to be repealed from July 30, 2015 to July 30, 2017.

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**LD 1532 An Act To Provide Model Language for Standard Sewer District Charters**

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill creates a model standard sewer district charter in statute. It includes standard language for the common provisions included in a sewer district charter. It also includes the mandatory requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 12, except the requirement that a new sewer district be formed under the Sanitary District Enabling Act and that a proposed amendment to extend the boundaries of a sewer district be approved by referendum before the amendment is presented to the Legislature.

This bill repeals Title 38, chapter 12. The bill also fixes cross-references.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1537 An Act To Promote the Delivery of Natural Gas to Central Maine**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

FREDETTE

ONTP

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to promote the delivery of natural gas to the central Maine region.

**LD 1553 An Act To Maintain Competition among Electricity Suppliers Serving Northern Maine**

**PUBLIC 346**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

JACKSON T  
WILLETTE

OTP

This bill provides that the limitations on how much electricity an affiliated competitive provider may sell within the service territory of the distribution utility with which it is affiliated do not apply to competitive electricity service or standard-offer service in the service territory or any portion of the service territory of a distribution utility that is located in an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine unless the Public Utilities Commission finds that the level of competitive electricity service and standard-offer service competition in the area administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine is substantially similar to the level of competitive electricity service and standard-offer service competition in the area of the State that is within the New England independent system operator control area.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 346 provides that the limitations on how much electricity an affiliated competitive provider may sell within the service territory of the distribution utility with which it is affiliated do not apply to competitive electricity service or standard-offer service in the service territory or any portion of the service territory of a distribution utility that is located in an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern

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**LD 1559      An Act To Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote  
Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment**

**PUBLIC 369  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

H-350    FREDETTE

This bill is reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Joint Order 2013, H.P. 1125.

### PART A

This Part changes the structure of the assessment imposed by the Public Utilities Commission for electric efficiency and conservation programs. The bill repeals the base rate of .145¢ per kilowatt hour effective July 1, 2015, and instead requires the commission to ensure that transmission and distribution utilities have sufficient revenue from rates to provide for the procurement for the benefit of ratepayers of all energy efficiency resources found by the commission to be cost-effective, reliable and achievable and allows the commission to impose any order on transmission and distribution utilities necessary to achieve the energy efficiency savings.

This Part decreases the percentage of revenue generated from the use of energy efficiency corridors owned by the Department of Transportation that is deposited into the Secondary Road Program Fund from 90% to 20% and increases the percentage of revenue deposited in the energy infrastructure benefits fund from 10% to 80%.

This Part directs that funds received by transmission and distribution utilities pursuant to Maine Yankee litigation be paid 55% to the Efficiency Maine Trust and 45% to ratepayers pursuant to an order of the commission allocating the funds for the maximum benefit to the Maine economy.

This Part allocates 35% of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative proceeds to residential fuel switching, as approved by the Efficiency Maine Trust, 50% to electric savings and thermal savings for commercial and industrial facilities and 15% to the Public Utilities Commission to be disbursed to transmission and distribution utilities for the maximum benefit to the State's economy.

This Part approves a pending long-term contract for energy efficiency resources as recommended by the Public Utilities Commission.

### PART B

This Part gives the Public Utilities Commission the authority until December 31, 2018 to execute an energy cost reduction contract to procure natural gas pipeline capacity for the purpose of increasing the flow of natural gas into New England by 2,000,000,000 cubic feet per day.

This Part establishes the standards for the Public Utilities Commission to execute an energy cost reduction contract.

This Part requires consultation with the Office of the Public Advocate and the Governor's Energy Office when the Public Utilities Commission hires a consultant to assist in developing the terms of an energy cost reduction contract. An energy cost reduction contract may not be executed without approval from the Governor. The cost of the contract may not exceed \$75,000,000 annually. The Public Utilities Commission may direct a transmission and

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distribution utility, a natural gas utility and a natural gas pipeline utility to assess ratepayers for the cost of an energy cost reduction contract and the cost of the administration of an energy cost reduction contract.

This Part authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish and collect a volumetric fee for use of natural gas by Maine consumers for natural gas not provided to the consumers by a natural gas utility or natural gas pipeline utility.

This Part establishes the Energy Cost Reduction Trust Fund, to be administered by the Public Utilities Commission, to receive the revenue from the resale of natural gas pipeline capacity and to direct those funds toward initiatives to reduce energy costs for ratepayers.

This Part exempts energy cost reduction contracts and the resale of natural gas pipeline capacity from the competitive bid requirements of the State Purchasing Agent.

This Part gives the Public Utilities Commission authority to investigate the exercise of market power by a gas utility, natural gas pipeline utility and any person who owns rights to natural gas pipeline capacity.

This Part authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the Part.

### PART C

This Part prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a transmission line unless a description of the need for the proposed transmission line is provided, an analysis of nontransmission alternatives is conducted by an independent 3rd party selected by the Public Utilities Commission and the projected cost of the proposed transmission line is compared to the projected cost of feasible nontransmission alternatives based on total projected costs. Preference must be given to lower-cost alternatives with fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The Public Utilities Commission must make specific findings as to whether nontransmission alternatives can address the identified transmission need at a lower total cost than the proposed transmission line. This Part requires that, until December 31, 2015, when the commission determines that nontransmission alternatives can address the need at a lower total cost but represent a larger increased cost to ratepayers of the State than the proposed transmission line, the commission must make reasonable efforts to achieve an agreement among the states within the New England independent system operator region to allocate the cost of the nontransmission alternatives among the ratepayers of the region using the allocation method used for transmission lines or another allocation method that results in lower increased cost to ratepayers of the State.

This Part also requires that lower-voltage projects that are capable of operating at less than 69 kilovolts and projected to cost in excess of \$20,000,000 must be reviewed and approved by the Public Utilities Commission before construction of the transmission project and establishes the standards for approval.

### PART D

This Part amends the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Act of 2007 to provide consistency with regional targets, directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission to work together to modify a current regional greenhouse gas initiative offset category to allow for fuel switching and further directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission to promote this modification with other regional greenhouse gas initiative states.

### PART E

This Part requires electricity transmission and distribution utilities to provide new options for municipal street lighting programs and provides for how a municipality may be charged for the utility infrastructure services provided, how the location of street and area lighting will be provided, at what rates or by what methods the

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electricity delivery charges may be assessed and how a municipality may transition from one option to another during the course of any year.

### PART F

This Part directs the Public Utilities Commission to consider economic efficiency when designing rates.

### PART G

This Part authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to extend the number of customers who may participate in the pilot program for efficient electric heat pumps and extend the length of the pilot period, allows more flexibility in the manner in which incentives are provided to customers and clarifies that nothing in the legislation related to the pilot program is intended to limit any currently existing authority of the Public Utilities Commission to establish special rates with respect to customers participating in the pilot program, as long as the costs of the pilot program are recovered only from customers participating in the program.

### PART H

This Part authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to issue a 2nd solicitation for deep-water offshore wind projects under the provisions of Public Law 2009, chapter 615 if the original recipient of the contract does not move forward in development for any reason.

### **House Amendment "A" (H-350)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 369 is the result of a bill that was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Joint Order 2013, H.P. 1125.

### PART A

This Part changes the structure of the assessment imposed by the Public Utilities Commission for electric efficiency and conservation programs. It repeals the base rate of .145¢ per kilowatt hour effective July 1, 2015, and instead requires the commission to ensure that transmission and distribution utilities have sufficient revenue from rates to provide for the procurement for the benefit of ratepayers of all energy efficiency resources found by the commission to be cost-effective, reliable and achievable and allows the commission to impose any order on transmission and distribution utilities necessary to achieve the energy efficiency savings.

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### PART F

This Part directs the Public Utilities Commission to consider economic efficiency when designing rates.

### PART G

This Part authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to extend the number of customers who may participate in the pilot program for efficient electric heat pumps and extend the length of the pilot period, allows more flexibility in the manner in which incentives are provided to customers and clarifies that nothing in the legislation related to the pilot program is intended to limit any currently existing authority of the Public Utilities Commission to establish special rates with respect to customers participating in the pilot program, as long as the costs of the pilot program are recovered only from customers participating in the program.

### PART H

This Part authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to issue a 2nd solicitation for deep-water offshore wind projects under the provisions of Public Law 2009, chapter 615 if the original recipient of the contract does not move forward in development for any reason. This section of law was further amended by LD 1472.

Public Law 2013, chapter 369 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2013.

#### **LD 1562 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Alfred Water District**

**P & S 16  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

TUTTLE

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-289

This bill amends the charter of the Alfred Water District by requiring a vacancy in the board of trustees to be filled by appointment by the remaining trustees.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-289)**

This amendment limits the appointment of a trustee to fill a vacancy on the board of trustees of the Alfred Water District to circumstances other than the normal expiration of a term. The appointed trustee may serve until the next municipal election.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

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Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 16 allows the remaining trustees to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy on the board of trustees of the Alfred Water District due to circumstances other than the normal expiration of a term. The appointed trustee may serve until the next municipal election.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 16 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2013.

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LD 131 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Examine Measures To  
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on the State's Transmission System RESOLVE 45  
EMERGENCY

LD 215 An Act To Protect Landlords When Tenants Fail To Pay Utility Bills  
PUBLIC 250

LD 302 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Review Certain  
Electricity Distribution Charges Assessed on Businesses RESOLVE 20

LD 885 An Act To Remove Obsolete Provisions of the Electric Industry  
Restructuring Laws PUBLIC 116

LD 1553 An Act To Maintain Competition among Electricity Suppliers Serving  
Northern Maine PUBLIC 346

#### Not Enacted

LD 94 An Act To Prohibit Wireless Smart Meter Opt-out Fees  
INDEF PP

LD 697 An Act To Increase Maine's Energy Competitiveness  
INDEF PP

## Electricity

### Not Enacted

LD 796	Resolve, To Enhance Economic Development by Encouraging Businesses Adjacent to Electric Power Generators To Obtain Power Directly	CARRIED OVER
LD 826	An Act To Eliminate the Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters	CARRIED OVER
LD 950	An Act To Establish the Electromagnetic Field Safety Act	CARRIED OVER
LD 964	An Act To Encourage Community-based Renewable Energy	ONTP
LD 1060	An Act To Address Rising Electric Transmission Rates	CARRIED OVER
LD 1146	An Act To Encourage the Use of Renewable Energy	ONTP
LD 1251	An Act To Lower Costs to Municipalities and Reduce Energy Consumption through Increased Competition in the Municipal Street Light Market	INDEF PP
LD 1278	An Act To Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts	CARRIED OVER
LD 1403	Resolve, To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Amend Its Rules Regarding Net Energy Billing	ONTP
LD 1456	An Act To Promote Local or Community-based Generation Projects	ONTP

## Energy

### Enacted

LD 927	An Act To Further Energy Independence for the State	PUBLIC 415
LD 1517	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Decision-making Authority Regarding Energy Infrastructure Corridors	PUBLIC 360
LD 1559	An Act To Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment	PUBLIC 369 EMERGENCY

### Not Enacted

LD 219	An Act To Establish a Long-term Funding Source for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	ONTP
LD 863	Resolve, To Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Consumer Energy Costs	ONTP
LD 1386	An Act To Allocate Net Revenue from Energy Corridor Leases on the Maine Turnpike for Purposes of Energy and Environmental Conservation	ONTP
LD 1426	An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Lower Energy Costs through Energy Efficiency	ONTP

## Energy Conservation

### Enacted

LD 948	An Act To Promote the Installation of Masonry Stoves	PUBLIC 157
LD 1348	An Act To Encourage School Administrative Units To Increase Their Energy Savings	PUBLIC 366

### Not Enacted

LD 248	An Act To Encourage Workforce Development in the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Efficiency and Energy Conservation Trades and Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions	ONTP
LD 1145	An Act To Help Homeowners Reduce Heating Costs through Energy Efficiency	ONTP

## Energy Conservation

### Not Enacted

LD 1425	An Act To Create Affordable Heating Options for Maine Residents and Reduce Business Energy Costs	ONTP
LD 1468	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish the High-efficiency Biomass, Pellet or Wood Boiler Rebate Program and the Home Heating Conversion Fund	CARRIED OVER

## Miscellaneous - Utilities and Energy

### Enacted

LD 175	An Act To Update the Laws Governing Energy Efficiency Building Performance Standards	PUBLIC 120
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### Not Enacted

LD 1115	Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Study Reimbursement for Installation of Utility Poles	ONTP
LD 1501	An Act To Apply the Precautionary Principle to Decision Making in Certain State Agencies	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

## Natural Gas

### Enacted

LD 1442	An Act To Establish a Pilot Natural Gas District in Maine	P & S 17 EMERGENCY
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### Not Enacted

LD 827	An Act To Increase Access to Natural Gas	ONTP
LD 1187	An Act To Create the Maine Energy Cost Reduction Authority	ONTP
LD 1262	An Act To Reduce Energy Costs	ONTP
LD 1537	An Act To Promote the Delivery of Natural Gas to Central Maine	ONTP

## Renewable Resources

### Not Enacted

LD 646	An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy	CARRIED OVER
LD 795	An Act To Amend the Net Energy Billing Program To Allow Participation by Certain Municipal Entities	ONTP
LD 1085	An Act To Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff	CARRIED OVER
LD 1252	An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy	CARRIED OVER
LD 1507	An Act To Include Useful Thermal Energy as a Renewable Energy Source	ONTP

## Telecommunications

### Enacted

LD 304	An Act To Amend the Representation on the Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council	PUBLIC 40
LD 876	Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Issues Relating to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment	RESOLVE 28

### Not Enacted

**Telecommunications**

**Not Enacted**

LD 38	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission	CARRIED OVER
LD 676	Resolve, To Direct the Public Utilities Commission To Review Telecommunications Services in Northern Oxford County	ONTP
LD 797	An Act To Strengthen Basic Telephone Service	ONTP
LD 894	An Act To Provide Customers with Itemized Bills	ONTP
LD 1012	An Act Regarding Automated Calls	ONTP
LD 1013	An Act To Create the Children's Wireless Protection Act	CARRIED OVER
LD 1479	An Act To Clarify Telecommunications Regulation Reform	CARRIED OVER

**Water/Sewer - Charters**

**Enacted**

LD 81	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District	P & S 3 EMERGENCY
LD 179	An Act To Amend the Anson and Madison Water District Charter	P & S 5
LD 675	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Veazie Sewer District	P & S 13 EMERGENCY
LD 1026	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ashland Water and Sewer District	P & S 10
LD 1293	An Act To Create the Presque Isle Utilities District	P & S 15
LD 1457	An Act To Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Sewer District	P & S 11
LD 1562	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Alfred Water District	P & S 16 EMERGENCY

**Not Enacted**

LD 114	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District	ONTP
LD 1242	An Act To Dissolve the Anson Water District	LEAVE TO WITHDRAW
LD 1336	An Act To Dissolve the Lisbon Water Department	ONTP
LD 1396	An Act To Create the Lisbon Water District	CARRIED OVER

**Water/Sewer - General**

**Enacted**

LD 4	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 675: Infrastructure Surcharge and Capital Reserve Accounts, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission	RESOLVE 9 EMERGENCY
LD 441	Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Develop a Plan To Reform Regulation of Consumer-owned Water Utilities	RESOLVE 47

**Not Enacted**

**Water/Sewer - General**

**Not Enacted**

LD 1004	An Act To Clarify Voting Procedures for Standard Water Districts	CARRIED OVER
LD 1342	An Act To Authorize the Public Advocate To Mediate Disputes Related to Rates for Sewer Service	VETO SUSTAINED
LD 1532	An Act To Provide Model Language for Standard Sewer District Charters	CARRIED OVER

**Wind Energy**

**Enacted**

LD 385	An Act To Improve Wind Energy Development Permitting	PUBLIC 325
LD 1472	An Act To Provide for Economic Development with Offshore Wind Power and To Reduce Energy Costs, Increase Energy Efficiency, Promote Electric System Reliability and Protect the Environment	PUBLIC 378

**Not Enacted**

LD 247	An Act To Amend the Law Governing Appeals of Final Agency Action on Applications Concerning Wind Energy Development	ONTP
LD 616	An Act To Amend the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development under the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission	CARRIED OVER
LD 1061	An Act To Regulate Meteorological Data-gathering Towers in Maine	ONTP
LD 1147	An Act To Protect Maine's Scenic Character	CARRIED OVER
LD 1323	An Act Regarding Wind Power Siting in the Unorganized Territory	CARRIED OVER
LD 1325	Resolve, To Place a Temporary Suspension on Permitting of Certain Expedited Grid-scale Wind Energy Developments	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 1375	An Act To Enhance Maine's Economy and Environment	ONTP
LD 1434	An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Noise from Wind Turbines	CARRIED OVER
LD 1471	An Act Authorizing the Board of Environmental Protection To Modify a License for a Wind Energy Development	ONTP

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