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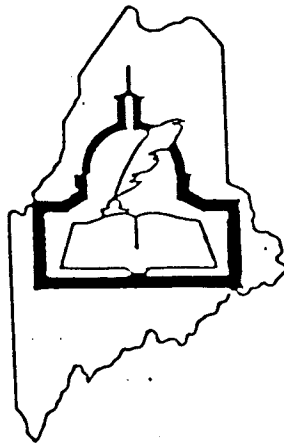
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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2374	RESOLVE, REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES TO REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE STATE-OWNED DAM ON DEAD RIVER, ANDROS-COGGIN COUNTY	Dow	Resolve Law 1983, c. 75(EMERGENCY)

SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2152 requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to review the circumstances and condition of the state-owned dam on Dead River in the Town of Leeds, Androscoggin County. The review is to include an investigation of any shoreland erosion alleged to be caused by the dam and steps necessary to prevent any future erosion, and discussions with Leeds, Wayne, and the Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation concerning the possibilities of transferring ownership of the dam or maintenance responsibilities for the dam to the towns or corporation. The department is to report the results of this review to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee by the end of January, 1985.

2383	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF WOOD AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY IN STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS	Pearson	PL 1983, c. 803
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2126 authorizes BPI to lease state facilities to a private party for the purpose of energy production improvements using biomass or solid waste as a fuel. A landowner providing biomass fuel must have a management plan approved by a registered forester, and professional forestry services must be provided to the landowner at no cost. Excess cogenerated electricity may be sold. Amendment SA (S-371) requires review of agreements by an appropriations subcommittee. Amendment SA/SA (S-393) requires normal review of any lease-purchase agreements.

2385	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATUTES	Michael	PL 1983, c. 743
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2014 primarily amends statutes pertaining to the administration of environmental laws by the Department of Environmental Protection. Some of the more significant changes made by the bill include: deletion of reference to the assistant to the Commissioner of DEP as an employee who serves at the pleasure of the Commissioner; addition of a requirement that at least two Board of Environmental Protection members must be present at nonrule-making hearings; some changes in Maine Environmental Protection Fund fees and the processing of permits; and addition of an exemption from "no discharge into great ponds" provisions where the discharges are from an operation approved by the Board of Environmental Protection and the great pond discharged into was created by the operation, e.g., in a peat-mining operation.