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# ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

# ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

# BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

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All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

ND LD 2070

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Pray Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill was held over from the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. It was reported in new draft as LD 2070.

LD AN ACT TO IMPOSE LIABILITY FOR INTERFERENCE ONTP 731 WITH GROUND WATER USE

Sponsor: TRAFTON, Mitchell, Warren Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. Presently, Maine operates under the common law doctrine of absolute ownership of ground water. Under that doctrine land occupants who are ground water users have little protection against more recent users whose use interferes with the pre-existing users use of the ground water. The bill would have created a legal cause of action on the part of the pre-existing ground water user. The bill also would have required a report by the chairman of the Land and Water Resource Council on further actions necessary to address ground water use problems. There was little support for the bill and Leave to Withdraw was granted.

LD AN ACT TO BRING INTO CONFORMITY MUNICIPAL PL 1985 1229 AND STATE SUBDIVISION LAWS C. 654

Sponsor: STEVENS, P., Jackson, Trafton, Danton Committee Report: OTP-AM

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