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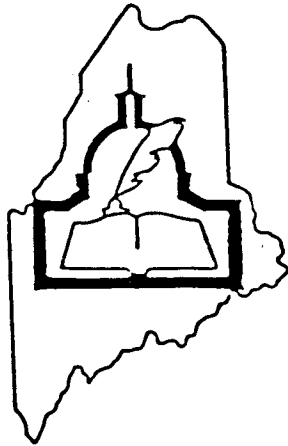
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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



JULY, 1985

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

Current law permits the State to establish water levels for bodies of water impounded by dams when the Board of Environmental Protection grants a permit for the construction or reconstruction of a hydropower project, orders alterations to a dam after a safety inspection, awards ownership of an abandoned dam or establishes a water level regime for a dam not regulated by federal law. If a petition for establishment of a water level regime cannot be acted upon under any of these provisions of State law, the provisions of this bill would have permitted the board to refer the matter to mediation with the goal of encouraging the parties to reach an agreement that resolves the dispute without resort to court. The bill would have provided a framework for selection of mediators, implementation of the mediation process, and termination of the process.

LD: 837 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR MAJOR APPLIANCES  
ND: 1589 SOLD IN MAINE

CASHMAN  
ANDREWS  
WEBSTER M  
COLES

MAJ OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted MAJ Committee Report  
MIN ONTP SENATE Accepted MAJ Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:  
See New Draft LD 1589.

LD: 838 AN ACT TO PROTECT FRESHWATER WETLANDS

MITCHELL  
USHER  
MICHAUD  
HOLLOWAY

MAJ OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted MAJ  
MIN ONTP SENATE Enacted MAJ  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 485

H-191	CA	MAJ REP	H	S
H-206		LAW		
S-352		PEARSON	H	S

SUMMARY:  
Present law regulates the alteration of freshwater wetlands within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. Within the organized portion of Maine, various wetlands are protected under the Great Ponds Act, the Stream Alterations Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Act.

This bill regulates the remaining freshwater wetlands that are unprotected under present law which are 10 or more acres in extent and unforested by establishing a regulatory