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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

LD: 978 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CHEMICAL
INSECTICIDES IN THE STATE BUDWORM
SUPPRESSION PROGRAM AFTER 1985

BROWN L
MITCHELL
WILLEY

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

SUMMARY:

The original bill would have prohibited the use of any chemical insecticide in the state spruce budworm control program after December 31, 1985. The Maine Forest Service and the forest products industry strongly opposed the bill claiming that the insecticides registered for use were thoroughly tested and posed no unacceptable environmental or public health risks. Proponents argued that economically viable and safer control alternatives exist which could replace chemical insecticides. The claims of both sides were disputed. The majority of the committee recommended an ought not to pass report which was ultimately accepted in both the House and Senate. The minority report, ought to pass in new draft (see LD 1458), was initially accepted in the Senate. The new draft proposed a special state registration process for all insecticides used in the spruce budworm control program. After review of all federally registered insecticides, the state would have registered only that insecticide which posed the lowest risks to human health and the environment. Other insecticides would be eligible for "reserve status" registration. Their use would be permitted only when the preferred insecticide was not available or was not likely to be effective.

LD: 985 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND
MARITIME ACTIVITY ZONES

SEWALL

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 236

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SUMMARY:

The bill amended the Shoreland Zoning Law to allow the establishment of "maritime activity zones" within which commercial fishing, maritime and related support activities would be favored. Zoning criteria were established. The committee removed two provisions of the bill regarding DEP assistance and rule-making which were redundant with the department's existing authority.