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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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: 1406 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WATER WELL
INFORMATION LAW

KANY
MITCHELL
LAW
MICHAUD

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed a system of information collection on well drilling to assist in the overall management of the state's ground water resources. The system would have involved the registration of well drilling contractors. The contractors would have been required to file reports on each water supply well they drilled including geological information. Certain categories of wells were excluded from the provisions of the bill. The Maine Geological Survey would have managed the information program with the Department of Business, Occupational and Professional Regulation handling the registration process.

The bill was the product of the Governor's Land and Water Resources Council and had been developed in close cooperation with the Maine Well Driller's Association. Despite this preparation, a number of well drillers testified in strong opposition to the bill. Primary objections concerned the disclosure of allegedly proprietary information and general resistance to state involvement in well drilling. Attempts at compromise to address the concerns over disclosure and fees failed. The bill was withdrawn.

LD: 1413 AN ACT TO REAUTHORIZE THE FOREST RESOURCE
EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT AND MARKETING PROGRAM

MICHAUD
JACQUES
DEXTER
USHER

HOUSE Violates Joint Rule 24
SENATE Violates Joint Rule 24
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill was introduced late in the session and was ruled to be not properly before the Legislature. It was reintroduced as LD 1478.