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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

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

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

The new draft would have established a new interim goal of 1.5 pounds of SO₂ per 1,000,000 btu and would have maintained the 1.2 final goal for 1995. Those goals would have applied only to major fossil fuel-burning facilities which current figures indicate emit SO₂ at a rate of about 1.8 pounds per 1,000,000 btu.

LD AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTENSIVE SPRUCE-FIR 2070 MANAGEMENT

P&SL 1985 c. 111

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Pray

Committee Report: New Draft of LD 286.

H-571 CONNOLLY H-595 MICHAUD S-388 BROWN, L. S-392 BROWN, L.

S-513 PEARSON H

SUMMARY: The original bill proposed an incentives program for spruce-fir management through a tax credit and service forestry program. The new draft proposes a pilot program for the same purpose but utilizes a system of direct grants with minimal administrative staff. The Committee unanimously approved the new draft. The House amended the new draft (HA-571) to discourage the use of aerial herbicide applications as part of the state-funded grants program. A technical amendment (HB-595) reallocated the advisory board created by the bill to a more appropriate section of the laws dealing with boards and commissions. Senate amendments (SA-388 and SB-392) to give priority to projects not using silvicultural chemicals were not accepted. The Appropriations Committee rejected the program due to revenue shortages and replaced the entire bill with an allocation from the Federal Expenditure Fund to create a new entomologist position in the Maine Forest Service (S-513).

LD AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PL 1985
2071 POLLUTION ABATEMENT C. 689

Sponsor: BEGLEY, Mayo, Michaud, Holloway Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1797.

S-540	LAW	H	S
H-564	BEGLEY		
H-614	LAW	H	S
S-389	CHALMERS	H	S
S-463	MCBREAIRTY	H	S

Office of Policy and Legal Analysispage 19 Energy & Natural Resources

SUMMARY: The original bill would have required the department to consider the property owner's ability to pay when determining how much the State will contribute to small pollution abatement construction projects. The Department of Environmental Protection may pay up to 90% of those small pollution abatement construction projects with a limit of \$100,000 for each project. Up to \$1,000,000 worth of those projects are funded from the general bond issue for construction of sewage treatment facilities each year. The money may be used for projects benefiting individual homeowners or businesses. The bill provided for adoption of rules by DEP to implement ability to pay provisions.

The New Draft dispenses with the ability to pay approach and restricts the department's contribution for these small projects to up to 50% for projects serving seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments. The following floor amendments were adopted:

HA-H-540: This amendment requires applications for small pollution abatement projects serving a single family residence or individual commercial establishment to include a statement showing the financial need of the applicant.

HB/HA-H-564: This amendment clarifies that the statement of financial condition required by the amendment applies to the owner of the single-family dwelling or commercial establishment for which the pollution abatement project is sought.

SA-S-389: This amendment ensures that the changes proposed by the bill apply prospectively only.

SA/SA-S-463: This amendment extends the application of the pollution abatement construction program, small pollution abatement construction program and the salt or sand-salt storage pollution abatement construction program to residents of the unorganized territories.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE STATUTES
2072 GOVERNING CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS

INDEF. PP

Sponsor: COLES, Hoglund, Jacques, Kany Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1815.