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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BILL SUMMARY



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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 in New Title is designed to directly express the State's disapproval of the sites now under consideration and to strengthen the State's case for legal challenge should a site in Maine be selected and should Congress override Maine's veto. The new bill removes or countermands existing statutory language which might be construed as providing prior State approval of a site. The bill clearly states that the State does not consent to federal acquisition of land in Maine for use as a high-level radioactive waste disposal site and provides that if the Federal Government continues attempts to locate such a site in Maine notwithstanding that disapproval, Legislative approval of specific activities is required.

The Senate Amendment was presented by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading to correct a cross reference.

LD 2384 AN ACT RELATING TO AIR EMISSION LICENSES IN NONATTAINMENT AREAS

PL 1985 c. 745

Sponsor: VOSE, Carpenter, Tammaro, Moholland Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2307.

S-496 USHER

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SUMMARY: The original bill proposed to change the air quality laws aimed at allowing the DEP to issue conditional air quality licenses in the absence of complete information of air quality impact. The original bill also sought to limit the tests an air pollution source in a nonattainment area would have to meet in order to be licensed. original bill would also have eliminated the state's authority to administer the visibility provisions of the federal Clean Air Act. The Committee substantially amended the bill and unanimously approved a new draft. draft revised the state's authority to regulate air pollutants so as to protect visibility by adding explicit reference to key provisions of the federal Clean Air Act. The new draft also allows the DEP to issue license renewals with a time period to allow the licensee to install and bring to full operation the pollution control equipment necessary to meet the terms of the license.