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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 and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD 559 AN ACT MAKING UNIFIED APPROPRIATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE FUNDS AND CHANGING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAW NECESSARY TO THE PROPER OPERATIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1988 AND JUNE 30, 1989. P&SL 1987 c. 31 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: ERWIN E, Brawn, Jacques, Greenlaw
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill contains the part I budget which authorizes expenditures of the Department for on-going activities. This bill includes nearly 300 positions and an operating budget of over \$15 million. The bill also outlines some budgetary policies of the Department.

LD 564 AN ACT TO ALLOW JUVENILES AND SENIOR CITIZENS TO HUNT DOES. ONTP

Sponsor: TRACY, Nutting, Matthews Z
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have exempted juveniles and senior citizens from the requirement to have a doe permit to shoot an antlerless deer. There were no proponents testifying in behalf of the bill. The Department strongly opposed the bill, citing a complete loss of any management capability with an estimated 40,000 hunters eligible to shoot does. Other issues brought out in testimony included the increased likelihood of poaching by family members who would later claim the doe was shot by a juvenile or senior citizen.

LD 566 AN ACT CONCERNING WEAPONS CARRIED BY TRAPPERS DURING TRAPPING SEASON. ONTP

Sponsor: CLARK H
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have exempted licensed trappers actively engaged in trapping from having to purchase a concealed weapons permit. During inclement weather trappers often carry handguns within their clothing to protect them from rain and snow. The Committee felt this bill would circumvent the concealed weapons law and would be difficult to enforce.