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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

Sponsor: COLES, Cahill  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The Indian Point Association, a group of landowners in Georgetown, proposed to have their property designated a wildlife sanctuary. The property has been posted for 30 years but there still is considerable hunting in the area. They wanted a stronger designation to discourage trespassing.

Opponents testified that this is not the tool to use for conservation, that the site had little redeeming value as a wildlife sanctuary and that the landowners had no plans for active management of wildlife. The bill also included intertidal areas within the sanctuary, in conflict with common law provisions. One organization strongly opposed the bill on the grounds that it was an anti-hunting bill.

Other problems with this bill included that there is a town road through the property and over 90 homes. Workmen would be required to remove any fire arms from their vehicles before entering the area.

The Department testified that there was no justification to establish the area as a sanctuary.

Sponsor: DUFFY, Jacques, McGowan, Usher  
Committee Report: New draft of LD 419  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-59 BROWN

SUMMARY: This bill creates a pilot program for secondary students to participate in a 6 to 8 week internship with the Department. Providing students with hands-on experience with wildlife biologists and department personnel will create a better understanding of the principles of game management and conservation.

The new draft incorporated the SERVE/Maine program to administer the program and provided more details on both the program, application procedures and selection process.

The House Amendment (H-59) corrected a technical error in the bill.