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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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |

3. Class C waters - The last sections of the bill repealed all the provisions for Maine's class C waters, to require that all marine waters meet the requirements of class A or B. Currently, discharges to class C areas are allowed to cause some changes to estuarine and marine life, as long as the ecosystem as a whole continues to function.

The sponsor trimmed down the bill in work session to include only a provision for developing a marine preserves program. However, a fiscal note of over \$40,000 was attached to the bill and the committee felt it would not pass through the appropriations committee. The sponsor withdrew the bill.

LD AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE SPORT FISHERIES ON THE ND LD 1710
1253 LOWER KENNEBEC AND ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERS.

Sponsor: MCGOWAN, Weymouth, Dow, Cahill
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1710

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1710.

LD RESOLVE, TO STUDY THE HUMAN HEALTH AND ND LD 1825
1265 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS OF TRIBUTYL TIN IN
ANTIFOULING PRODUCTS.

Sponsor: COLES, Perkins, Rice, Holt
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1825

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1825.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING MUSSEL HARVESTING. PL 1987
1326 c. 328

Sponsor: COLES, Rice, Mitchell, Crowley
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-187 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 1326 removes mussels from the general shellfish definition and provisions and establishes a separate subchapter to regulate their harvest. A hand-raking license and boat license are established. The bill also includes the general provisions for taking mussels from areas closed due to red tide. This action was recommended by a legislative study on blue mussel harvesting in 1986. No opponents testified against the legislation.

A committee amendment decreased the fees for these licenses to make them more consistent with other fishery licenses.