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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 AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNDERGROUND OIL STORAGE
1507 FACILITIES AND GROUND WATER PROTECTION LAW.

ND LD 1763

Sponsor: WILLEY, Sewall, Usher, Hepburn
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1763

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1763.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S CAPABILITY TO
1528 RESPOND TO A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT.

ONTP

Sponsor: BICKFORD, Gwadosky, Farnum, Gill
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill provided a General Fund appropriation to support a training program in hazardous materials handling and to improve the State's emergency response capabilities for accidents involving hazardous materials. The bill was originally referred to the Appropriations Committee which rereferred the bill to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The bill came late in the Session and lacked a funding mechanism.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING
1580 STATE LAND USE LAWS AND TO PROMOTE CONSISTENCY
AMONG THEM.

ONTP

Sponsor: COLLINS, Anderson, Hanley
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill was proposed by the Governor for the purpose of consolidating four existing land use laws, the Great Ponds Program, Alteration of Coastal Wetlands, Alteration of Rivers, Streams and Brooks, and the Freshwater Wetlands Act. The intent of consolidating these statutes was to provide a single source of regulation and a single set of standards for state permitting in natural resource areas important to the state. The first four sections of the bill repeal the current statutes; section five enacts 38 MRSA c. 22, Natural Resource Protection. Achieving consistency among statutes resulted in some changes in definitions and standards from current statutes. Other provisions deal with cumulative impacts, delegation to municipalities of permit-granting authority, the elimination of exemptions for agricultural and forestry activities in freshwater wetlands, and the adoption of performance and use standards by the BEP. The State Planning Office proposed an amendment to the bill that added a findings and purpose section and some technical corrections.