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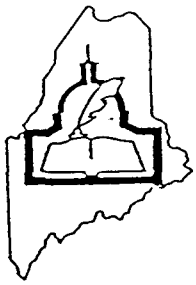

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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 for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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LD 822 **An Act to Allow Cleanup of Beach Frontage on Artificially Created Great Ponds** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK H	ONTP	
GOULD R A		
LORD		
PRAY		

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed limited maintenance activities in lake areas that are periodically exposed because of seasonal drawdowns of artificial great ponds. The sponsor argued that allowing alterations, by exemption, in these areas when the sites are dry would have minimal impact on the great ponds and that the fish habitat in the drawdown area is already degraded by the drawdown exposure. The bill proposed a 30 foot wide area that could be cleared of rocks and materials.

LD 823 **Resolve, to Require the Classification of Certain Great Ponds in the State** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RUHLIN	ONTP	
CATHCART		
DUFFY		
BOST		

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to classify all the Great Ponds in the State according to the existing recreational uses of these waters and the potential recreational opportunity which each of these bodies of water could provide. This classification would be accomplished through the rule-making process, following public hearings.

There are more than 5,000 Great Ponds in the State, and information is already available about a majority of these bodies of water, including such things as size, depth and fishery resources. However, the bill was broadly written to require an in-depth review of each Great Pond and thus would have required significant staff resources.

LD 840 **An Act to Protect Naturally Occurring Landmarks** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RAND	LV/WD	
MURPHY		
PARADIS J		
DEXTER		

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized the Commissioner of Conservation to designate natural landmarks of state significance and to protect those landmarks through contractual arrangements with the landowners. The sponsor withdrew the bill.