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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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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-330

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to provide for detailed notice and hearing procedures for the Land for Maine's Future Board. The bill also provides procedures to govern the taking of parcels by eminent domain by the board.

The committee amendment (S-330) replaces notice and hearing procedures in the bill with a requirement that any person nominating land for acquisition by the Land for Maine's Future Board obtain an affidavit of interest from each affected landowner. The amendment retains the bill's intent that Legislative approval be obtained before Land for Maine's Future funds can be used for purchases of land by use of eminent domain, but allows the board to acquire land via eminent domain procedures with the consent of the landowner. A provision to notify a landowner if the board shares written information concerning the landowner's property with local or federal agencies is retained.

LD 1747 An Act to Protect the Public from Unsafe Industrial and Commercial Facilities

CARRY-OVER

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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill is intended to protect public safety by requiring inspections of certain industrial and commercial facilities that use potentially hazardous substances, equipment and machinery to ensure that operations will be undertaken properly.

Many industrial and commercial facilities use substances, equipment and machinery that, if improperly handled or operated, can cause severe injury and damage to persons and property located near the facility. This bill prevents the initiation or resumption of operation of any facility which employs more than 250 persons, uses hazardous substances or hazardous equipment or machinery in its operations and is being operated by an inexperienced work force. The operator of such a facility must notify the Bureau of Labor Standards of the impending initiation or resumption of operation. The Bureau of Labor Standards will schedule and conduct an inspection of the facility and consult with the employees of the facility to ensure that the facility is safe to initiate or resume operation. The facility may not begin or resume operation until it has been inspected by the Bureau of Labor Standards and found to be safe for operation.

The committee asked to hold over this bill.