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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-665

SUMMARY

This bill provides for the legislative ratification, of a 3-year contract between the State of Maine and the Rocky Mountain Low-level Radioactive Waste Board for disposal of Maine's low-level radioactive waste at the Beatty, Nevada disposal facility. The bill provides for referendum vote on November 7, 1989, on the question of whether voters will approve this contract relationship. The bill also provides for payment of fees by Maine's generators of low-level radioactive waste. These fees have been negotiated in the contract with the Rocky Mountain Low-level Radioactive Waste Board.

The committee amendment (H-665) clarifies the method of assessing fees for the out-of-state disposal of low-level radioactive waste. The sums to be paid the Rocky Mountain Low-level Radioactive Waste Board are changed to reflect the requirements of the contract.

The committee amendment also allows generators to dispose of their waste at a lower fee on an equitable basis. The authority is empowered to assess generators additional fees to meet the financial requirements of the contract, subject to reimbursement when delinquent fees are recovered.

The committee amendment also rewords the referendum question to be more consistent with statutory requirements and changes the effective date of portions of the bill

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