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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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**LD 361      An Act to Expand the Applicability of Certain Energy Standards      UNSIGNED**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUSTIN PARADIS P DAGGETT	OTP-AM	S-34

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to repeal the exemption for owner-built homes from the existing residential energy efficiency standards.

Committee amendment "A" (S-34) replaced the bill. The amendment would amend the exemptions in the State's mandatory standards for residential construction by restricting the "owner-built home" exemption to single-family residential buildings that are physically constructed by the people who own and live in the buildings. At the time of printing, the Governor had not signed this bill.

**LD 373      An Act to Prevent Ongoing Erosion Damage to the Environment by Allowing Preventative Repair      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB JACQUES SIMPSON LORD	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Department of Environmental Protection to issue permits under the natural resource protection laws for projects that repair or protect areas from acute or chronic environmental degradation as long as the applicant demonstrates that the long-term benefits of the project outweigh the short-term impacts of the project. A project would not be required to meet the existing environmental standards. The Board of Environmental Protection would have been required to adopt rules to implement this bill by January 1, 1992.

**LD 377      An Act Relating to Solid Waste Management      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KANY SIMPSON TREAT TITCOMB	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have increased the scope of interlocal cooperation by permitting nonprofit organizations that are not public agencies to join interlocal agreements.

This bill also would have required the Maine Waste Management Agency to develop a policy and implementation schedule designed to decrease the volume and toxicity of packaging of consumer goods. It also would have required the Maine Waste Management Agency to research and develop a product labeling

system for recyclable or reusable consumer goods and expanded State government's recycling program to include other materials in addition to paper and paper products.

**LD 378      An Act to Prohibit the Use of All-terrain Vehicles in State Parks      ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS	ONTP            MAJ	
HEESCHEN	OTP-AM        MIN	
AULT		
MITCHELL J		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited recreational use of ATV's in state parks.

**LD 385      An Act Concerning the Board of Environmental Protection      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R A	LV/WD	
ANDERSON		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have reassigned the responsibility of hiring professional staff for the Board of Environmental Protection from the board to the Governor subject to the approval of the Legislature.

**LD 389      An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD	ONTP	
LORD		
JACQUES		
HOGLUND		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified the applicability of the laws governing site location of development. The bill would have established the concept of "integrated development scheme" to replace the "common scheme of development" provisions of existing Department of Environmental Protection rules.

The bill also would have transferred the responsibility for deciding whether the traffic requirements of the site location of development laws have been satisfied from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Commissioner of Transportation.

**LD 406      An Act Regarding Transfer Stations and Recycling Facilities      PUBLIC 169**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LORD	OTP-AM	H-181
MURPHY		

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to exempt existing transfer stations, stump dumps, recycling centers or facilities