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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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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:

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

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 583 An Act to Provide Greater Local Review of Proposed Low-Level Radioactive Waste Sites ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
THERIAULT MARTIN J MARTIN H	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that before a low-level radioactive disposal facility site is finalized, 60% of the voters residing within a 12-mile radius of a proposed site must approve its location.

LD 590 An Act to Amend the Exemption of Certain Divisions from the Definition of Subdivision PUBLIC 500 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HASTINGS LORD GOULD R A	OTP-AM	H-257 H-612 JACQUES

SUMMARY

Currently, if a person transfers land they received as a gift from a relative to a nonrelative within 5 years, the land may be subject to municipal subdivision review. The original bill would have extended the exemption from subdivision review for gifts to a blood relative to include mortgage holders of that land.

The committee amendment (H-257) strikes the whole bill. In addition to the provisions of the original bill, the amendment allows the parcel of land to be subsequently transferred without municipal subdivision review so long as the parcel is not further divided. The amendment also extends an exemption from review under the site location of development laws to a parcel acquired by a mortgagor or the mortgagor's successor. Finally, the amendment adds an emergency preamble.

A House amendment (H-612) expands the applicability of this exemption to gifts of land to a municipality and to divisions accomplished by devise, condemnation and order of the court. However, the house amendment also limits the exemption to the original holder of the security interest and that person's successor in interest.

LD 600 An Act to Allow Coastal Towns and Cities to Dump Snow into Intertidal Waters ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MELENDY RAND SALISBURY HOGLUND	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed municipalities to dump snow into coastal waters.