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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.

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

**LD 636      An Act Concerning Senior Citizens' Discount When Using State Parks      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NORTON VOSE TUPPER O'GARA	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required free admission to citizens of this State 65 years of age or older for day use of state parks. The bill also established a discount for these citizens when using overnight facilities at state parks.

**LD 641      An Act to Exempt Housing Developments of 6 Units or Less from the Natural Resource Protection Laws in Certain Situations      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have exempted from the natural resource protection laws small housing developments of 6 units or less that affect those wetlands that are currently classified in the least sensitive category of wetlands by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**LD 645      An Act to Exempt Tree Farms from the Forest Practices Laws      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have exempted tree farms from the requirements of the forest practices laws.

**LD 667      An Act to Require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to Evaluate the Financial and Staff Resources Necessary to Assume Responsibility for Certain Provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act      P & S 25**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD MARTIN J LORD PRAY	OTP-AM	H-432

**SUMMARY**

The original bill would have required the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to apply to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the authority to administer the National Pollutant Elimination Discharge System under the federal Clean Water Act. Committee amendment "A" (H-432) replaces this