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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 958 An Act to Set a Moratorium on Issuing Permits for Septic Tanks ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BERUBE ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have imposed a moratorium on municipal permitting of subsurface wastewater disposal systems for municipalities that, as of August 31, 1992, do not provide for the disposal of its septic and cesspool refuse, effluent, sludge. The bill also proposed to require that a municipality's disposal capacity be adequate to handle its share of septage and to add holding tanks to the list of septage disposal systems for which municipalities are responsible.

LD 971 An Act to Promote the Availability of Nutritionally Fortified Infant Fruit Juices ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
GREENLAW ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have exempted vitamin-fortified infant fruit juice containers from the beverage container deposit system.

LD 977 An Act to Reimburse Towns for Landfill Closings ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
STEVENSON ONTP
MATTHEWS

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the Department of Environmental Protection to reimburse municipalities for closure costs for landfills that they have used but do not own.

LD 990 Resolve, to Establish the State Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission LV/WD

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MORRISON LV/WD
VOSE
CLARK H

SUMMARY

This resolve proposed to establish a State Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission to study options for meeting the State's energy needs and to prepare a comprehensive energy plan for the State.