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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 1625 An Act Prohibiting Chlorofluorocarbons in Automobile Air Conditioners ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS SIMPSON GOULD R A JACQUES	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have pushed back the schedule for prohibiting the sale of motor vehicles with chlorofluorocarbon-propelled air conditioners.

LD 1629 An Act Relating to Unavoidable Equipment Malfunctions PUBLIC 483

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VOSE LUDWIG FARREN TAMMARO	OTP-AM	S-276

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to exempt certain waste water treatment facilities and other air emission sources from penalties for unavoidable equipment malfunctions or, with respect to air emission sources, for excess emissions during cold start-up and shutdown as long as all reasonable steps have been taken to prevent the malfunction to minimize the discharge or emission. The bill also proposed to grant an exemption for causes other than start-up, shutdown or malfunction, such as process fluctuations, as long as they could not have been reasonably avoided.

Committee amendment "A" (S-276) replaced the bill. The amendment allows flexibility in the environmental licensing and enforcement process with respect to unavoidable equipment malfunctions, necessary wastewater bypasses and excess air emissions occurring during plant start-ups and shutdowns that result in technical violations of the State's air or water pollution control laws.

LD 1636 An Act to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Borrow Pits LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO TITCOMB COLES	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to authorize municipalities to enact ordinances regulating borrow pits that are within the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection if the municipalities adopted standards at least as stringent as those adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection. The bill would have included borrow pits within the kinds of projects for which permits issued by municipalities registered by the Department of Environmental Protection may be substituted for permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.