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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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.

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

process. Similar provisions were incorporated in LD 1873.

The bill would have added waste collection services to the list of services subject to the sales tax, removed the current exemption in the advance disposal fee for tires and batteries sold with new cars and assessed a fee of 50¢ per ton on privately generated special waste disposed of at a landfill owned or operated by the special waste generator. The bill would also have assessed a fee of \$2 per ton on municipal solid waste and on special waste brought to Maine for incineration or landfilling. A similar provision was included in LD 1873. Finally, the bill would have allocated funds from the Solid Waste Management Fund and General Fund to screen and select sites for special waste municipal solid waste landfills. Because of the tax provisions the bill was re-referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

**LD 1888      An Act to Ensure Continuity in Liability for Ground Water Contamination      PUBLIC 490  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MICHAUD                              OTP

**SUMMARY**

Public Law 1991, chapter 9 extended the compliance deadlines for municipally owned salt piles and underground oil tanks owned by municipalities and schools. This bill provides that the extension of deadlines may not be construed to affect any liability for ground water contamination existing prior to the effective date of that Act.

**LD 1895      An Act to Amend the Classification of the St. George River      LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BRAWN                                      LV/WD  
WHITCOMB

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized the rebuilding and maintenance of a dam on the St. George River in Liberty (see also LD 1920).

**LD 1920      An Act to Allow the Department of Environmental Protection to Process an Application by Ivan Davis to Rebuild a Dam on the St. George River      P & S 40  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)                      COMMITTEE REPORT                      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
WHITCOMB                              OTP-AM                                      H-643

**SUMMARY**

This bill, as replaced by committee amendment "A" (H-643), directs the Department of Environmental Protection to process an application to be submitted by Ivan Davis for the rebuilding and maintenance of a dam on the St. George River in Liberty. It is the intent of the Legislature that the application be processed only if it proposes a project substantially identical to the project proposed by Ivan Davis to the department in an application submitted on or about November 30, 1989. The project is to be evaluated under Class "A" water quality standards.

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