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BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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| PUBLIC XXX | Chapter # of enacted Public Law |
| P&S XXX | Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law |
| RESOLVE XXX | Chapter # of enacted Resolve |
| CON RES XXX | Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses |
| EMERGENCY | Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days |
| CARRIED OVER | Bill carried over to Special Session |
| ONTP | Ought Not to Pass report accepted |
| LVWD | Leave to Withdraw report accepted |
| INDEF PP | Bill Indefinitely Postponed |
| FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT | Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote |
| DIED BETWEEN BODIES | House and Senate disagree; bill died |
| CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE | Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree |
| VETO SUSTAINED | Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto |
| UNSIGNED | Not signed by Governor within 10 days |
| DIED ON ADJOURNMENT | Action incomplete when session ended; bill died |

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, especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

The bill clarifies that a person causing a discharge is liable to the State for disbursements made from the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund for spill-specific studies and for collection fees.

The committee amendment (H-971) ensures that vessels engaged in oil spill response are not subject to the licensing and license fee requirements of the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund.

The amendment clarifies that personnel costs reimbursed to the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Clean-up Fund by a person who caused the discharge must be personnel costs for those people directly cleaning up the spill.

The amendment also requires the Legislature to review the continued need for the Oil Spill Advisory Committee in 3 years. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2165 An Act to Authorize Forest Rangers to Enforce the Rules and Laws Pertaining to the Bureau of Public Lands PUBLIC 652

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LUDWIG ANDERSON GOULD R A JACQUES | OTP-AM | S-538 |

SUMMARY

This bill enables rangers to enforce the rules and laws governing the use of the State's public lands that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Public Lands. This authorization will enable rangers to provide law enforcement assistance to the Bureau of Public Lands on those occasions when such assistance is needed, or when a forest ranger may be the only readily available law enforcement officer.

A committee amendment (S-538) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2171 An Act Regarding Fees Collected by the Allagash Wilderness Waterway ONTP

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|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN J JACQUES HOGLUND TITCOMB | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed for money collected from user fees for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway to be set aside in a dedicated account, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway Fund, to be used only to fund activities along the waterway.

LD 2184 An Act to Facilitate Municipal Landfill Closure ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| VOSE TOWNSEND | ONTP | |