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**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

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

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Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

LD 17 **An Act to Prohibit the Use of Jet Skis on Great Ponds** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
STEVENS A ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to add restrictions on the use of personal watercraft, such as jet skis. Personal watercraft would have been permitted only on coastal waters and on great ponds larger than 150 acres in surface area, except that personal watercraft would have been banned on any section that is less than 3 miles across. The noise level of the watercraft would have been tested at the peak sound emission, which is when the personal watercraft is bouncing over the water. No operator would have been permitted to operate at any speed within 200 feet of any other watercraft, including rafts, as well as any swimmer or the shore, except if the operator were leaving the shore to reach the area at least 200 feet from the shore. Within 200 feet of shore, however, the water safety zone restrictions would have required that the operator operate at no greater than headway speed within 200 feet of shore.

LD 31 **An Act to Lower the Age at Which Residents Are Entitled to Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to lower the age at which complimentary hunting, trapping and fishing licenses are issued from 70 years of age to 65 years of age.

LD 101 **An Act to Amend the Laws Limiting the Number and Size of Fish Taken** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
LIBBY J L ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to amend the section of law that deals with the number, amount, weight and size of fish by deleting the part that limits the size of the fish a person may take from Maine waters.

LD 109 **An Act to Improve Safety for Snowmobile and ATV Operators** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

Under this bill a landowner, lessee or occupant of land who has control over the placement of or continued existence of any potentially hazardous obstruction on that land would have been required to clearly mark the obstruction with fluorescent orange tape or flags. For purposes of this provision, "potentially hazardous obstruction" would have meant any man-made object, including cables, which are