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BILL SUMMARIES
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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:

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| <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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LD 34

An Act to Allow the Possession of Hatchery Produced, Sublegal, Red, Yellow or Blue Lobsters as Aquarium Pets

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
SPEAR

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed licensed pet shops to sell hatchery-raised red, yellow or blue lobsters that are smaller than the minimum size otherwise allowed by law as aquarium pets.

LD 48

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Study the Safety of Seafood in Maine Waters

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HEINO

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study of the public health safety of seafood caught in Maine waters.

LD 61

An Act to Establish a Consistent Expiration Date for Shellfish Licenses and Marine Worm Digger's Licenses

PUBLIC 80

SPONSOR(S)
FARREN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-132

SUMMARY

This bill establishes April 30th of each year as the expiration date for shellfish and marine worm digger's licenses issued by the Commissioner of Marine Resources. The new expiration date applies to all shellfish and marine worm digger's licenses valid on the effective date of this Act.

Committee amendment "A" (H-132) adds a section to the bill that allows the Department of Marine Resources to use money in the gas tax fund to cover a one-time cash flow shortfall created by this bill in the Shellfish Fund and the Marine Worm Fund. Any money transferred under this Act must be returned to the gas tax fund before the end of fiscal year 1993-94.

LD 84

An Act to Abolish the Lobster Promotion Board and Repeal the Fees Supporting its Operations

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have abolished the Lobster Promotion Council and the surcharges that support its activities. On the effective date of this Act, any funds remaining in the Lobster Promotion Fund would have been transferred to the General Fund.