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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&amp;S XXX</i>                | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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 148**      **An Act to Regulate the Season and Drag Size for Scalloping  
in Cobscook Bay and Passamaquoddy Bay**      **ONTP**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>TOWNSEND G | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>ONTP | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established December 1st through April 15th as the fixed season for scallop harvesting in the coastal waters of Cobscook Bay and Passamaquoddy Bay and would have established a 5 1/2 foot limit on the size of scallop drags.

**LD 158**      **An Act to Change the Scallop Harvesting Season**      **PUBLIC 448**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>LOOK | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>OTP-AM | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b><br>H-146<br>H-270    MITCHELL J |
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**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to establish December 1st through April 30th as the fixed season for scallop harvesting in coastal waters east of Penobscot Bay. The bill also proposed a 5 1/2 foot limit on the size of scallop drags and a prohibition on scallop diving in areas where scallop dragging is underway. The bill also proposed that scallop divers be required to anchor their boats in a fixed position and display a "diver's down" flag while harvesting scallops by hand.

Committee amendment "A" (H-146) replaced the bill. The amendment would have required any diver harvesting marine species by hand to display a red and white "diver's down" flag when using scuba gear to harvest that species.

House amendment "A" (H-270) struck the committee amendment. The amendment requires that a Coast Guard's diving flag be displayed by persons using scuba gear to harvest marine species under a license issued by the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

**LD 196**      **An Act Concerning the Use of Stabilizers on Fishing Vessels**      **ONTP**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>PINGREE | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>ONTP | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> |
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the use of paravanes by registered or documented vessels in an area of coastal waters located in the southwestern Penobscot Bay area.

**LD 255**      **An Act Concerning Ice-fishing Shacks**      **PUBLIC 265  
EMERGENCY**

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| <b>SPONSOR(S)</b><br>HOLT | <b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b><br>OTP-AM | <b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b><br>H-341 |
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