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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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SUMMARY

This bill would have enacted a provision governing contract enforcement powers of a municipality that has entered into a contract for waste disposal either directly with a privately owned waste-to-energy facility or indirectly with an entity that transports the waste to a privately owned waste-to-energy facility. Enforcement would have been limited to certain waste-to-energy facilities providing waste disposal services to 50 or more municipalities.

LD 413 An Act to Extend the Deadline for Landfill Closures ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E CAREY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have extended the municipal solid waste landfill closure deadline by one year, to December 31, 1993 and allowed the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to grant an additional 6-month extension to a licensed or unlicensed landfill. A municipality would have been eligible for the additional extension if the commissioner determined that the municipality in which the landfill is located was making reasonable and productive efforts toward finding an alternative method of solid waste management.

LD 428 An Act Concerning Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BEGLEY	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided that permits for residential development issued by the Department of Environmental Protection under the site location of development laws or the natural resources protection laws or by a municipality under shoreland zoning ordinances do not expire or lapse, and would not have been reviewable once issued, regardless of when the project started or how long it took to complete. If the development had been a subdivision consisting of 3 or more parcels, the department or the municipality would have been permitted to provide that the permit lapses or is subject to review if the project is not begun within 5 years, or completed within 10 years, of permit issuance. Also, the bill would have provided that department rules, municipal ordinances and amendments that are more stringent than those in effect when the permit is issued do not apply to a permitted development.

LD 438 An Act to Protect the Public Health ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Department of Environmental Protection to notify the public when the department anticipated that the level of ozone would exceed state standards.

The committee chairs sent a letter to radio, TV and daily newspapers soliciting their assistance in notifying the public of excessive ozone levels.

LD 442 An Act to Require Removal of Ice-fishing Shacks from PUBLIC 144
Private and Public Property

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BAILEY H	OTP-AM	H-197

SUMMARY

This bill would have defined an ice fishing shack as litter if the shack was left unattended for 15 days or more.

Committee amendment "A" (H-197) changed the title and replaced the bill. The amendment establishes requirements governing the treatment of ice-fishing shacks that are left on public or private property for more than 15 days after the closure of inland waters to ice fishing.

LD 443 An Act Concerning Water Conservation ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
COLES	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that any toilet sold, purchased or installed in the State have a maximum capacity of 1.6 gallons per flush.

LD 449 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle Air PUBLIC 37
Conditioning EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JACQUES TITCOMB	OTP-AM	H-59

SUMMARY

Current law prohibits the sale of motor vehicles with a model year of 1994 or later if the vehicle has an air conditioner containing CFCs. This bill delays the effective date of that prohibition by one model year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-59) adds an emergency preamble and clause.

LD 458 An Act to Expand the Applicability of Certain Energy ONTP
Standards

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEESCHEN	ONTP MAJ	
BUSTIN	OTP-AM MIN	