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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&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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Committee amendment "A" (S-53) adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill. The amendment also changes the date in the bill that pertains to the deadline for the adoption of ordinances by towns that have adopted a comprehensive plan from January 1, 1995 to July 1, 1994. The amendment also strikes that section of the bill that permits the Office of Community Development to issue implementation grants to towns before the adoption of a comprehensive plan.

**LD 487      An Act Concerning Closure of Municipal Landfills      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WEBSTER	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have eliminated the December 31, 1992 operating deadline for licensed and unlicensed municipal solid waste landfills. The bill also would have allowed municipal landfills to continue operating unless the commissioner finds that a landfill is adversely affecting the public health or polluting the environment.

**LD 501      An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Growth Management Laws      PUBLIC 166**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ANDERSON	OTP-AM	H-218

**SUMMARY**

This bill as amended (H-218) corrects a series of technical problems resulting from recent amendments to the laws governing growth management contained in Public Law 1991, chapters 722 and 780.

**LD 505      An Act to Set a Moratorium on Issuing Permits for Septic Tanks      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
NICKERSON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have imposed a moratorium on a municipality's issuance of new permits for subsurface wastewater disposal systems if that municipality is not in compliance as of August 31, 1993 with the laws that require each municipality to provide for the disposal of all refuse, effluent, sludge and any other materials from all septic tanks and cesspools located in that municipality. The bill would have also amended current law to require that a municipality's disposal capacity be sufficient to handle its share of septage, and to add holding tanks to the list of systems for which the municipality is responsible for the disposal of septage.

**LD 506      An Act to Exempt Permitted Borrow Pit Operations from Municipal Shoreland Zoning Review      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LORD SUMMERS	ONTP	