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BILL SUMMARIES
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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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LD 547

An Act to Correct Inconsistencies in the Shoreland Zoning Laws

PUBLIC 55

SPONSOR(S)
DEXTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill removes an inconsistency in the shoreland zoning laws that implies that the shoreland zone includes areas surrounding forested wetlands. Public Law 1989, chapter 346 withdrew forested wetlands from the class of freshwater wetlands that municipalities are required to regulate.

LD 550

An Act Concerning Local Participation in Decisions Concerning Low-level Radioactive Waste Sites Proposed to Be Located in Unorganized Territory

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CLARK
PEARSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority from locating a disposal or storage facility entirely within an unorganized territory that has no registered voters unless the site is approved by a majority vote of the county commissioners representing that territory and a majority vote of owners of property abutting the proposed site.

LD 554

An Act to Establish Mediation to More Efficiently and Fairly Enforce the State's Environmental Laws

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
MELENDY

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to offer mediation to an alleged violator before proceeding with any administrative enforcement action or civil litigation. The bill requires the parties to participate in the mediation in good faith and permits the mediator to determine if either party fails to negotiate in good faith. If the Commissioner fails to negotiate in good faith, the commissioner may not bring an enforcement action against the alleged violator. If the parties fail to reach an agreement after 90 days, the commissioner may proceed with an enforcement action. The Chief Judge of the District Court would appoint the mediator. The bill also prohibits the commissioner from proposing to begin a civil enforcement action as a means of inducing a person to sign an admission or consent agreement or to pay a fine, and the commissioner may not use the permit process as a negotiation point in the mediation process to induce a person to sign an admission or consent agreement or to pay a fine. The bill was carried over.

LD 556

An Act to Establish Greater Consistency among Federal and State Environmental Regulations

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
CLEVELAND

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED