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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

<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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This bill also would have made hunting without written permission a prohibited act under the fish and wildlife laws, Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 702. Hunting without permission would have been defined as carrying a firearm or bow and arrow onto the property of another without written permission unless that property is owned by the State and open to hunting or is posted as open to hunting. Publishing permission in a local newspaper or annotating a property deed would also have constituted written permission. A person would not have been guilty of hunting without permission if that person lacked written permission but was hunting on land in unorganized territory. Municipalities would have been encouraged to make available to the public maps showing areas open to hunting.

**LD 643**      **An Act to Restrict the Taking of Turtles and Snakes from the Wild for Export, Sale or Commercial Purposes**      PUBLIC 127

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> NICKERSON	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-201
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**SUMMARY**

This bill brings the State into conformity with other northeastern states and is designed to prevent the detrimental exploitation of wild snakes and turtles. The bill prohibits taking or possessing snakes and turtles (except snapping turtles) from the wild for sale or commercial purposes.

The committee amendment (H-201) adds a fiscal note.

**LD 644**      **An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Regulate the Hunting of Moose**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> GREENLAW	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

Current law establishes the moose hunting district, season length and number of hunting permits as well as other requirements associated with hunting of moose. This bill proposed to give the commissioner the authority to determine the moose hunting district, season length and the number of moose permits issued. (See LD 1025)

**LD 650**      **An Act to Establish Natural Resource Enhancement Laws for the Aroostook River**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> RUHLIN KIEFFER ANDERSON	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to direct the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission, in cooperation with other state agencies and local sporting groups, to develop a management program to restore an anadromous fishery on the Aroostook River.