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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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 652 An Act to Guide Cold-water Fisheries Management in Maine ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ZIRNKILTON ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to formulate and adopt a comprehensive cold-water fisheries management plan to guide cold-water fisheries management, including cold-water fisheries stocking efforts, in this State. The commissioner would have been required to provide for and encourage public input before adopting a management plan.

LD 663 An Act Regarding Doe Permits ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CLARK ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to allow residents over 70 years of age to hunt antlerless deer without a permit.

LD 674 An Act to Amend the Laws on Whitewater Rafting ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ROTONDI ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to address 6 different matters related to whitewater rafting in this State.

1. Under current law, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife reviews an outfitter's whitewater experience in making decisions about granting commercial whitewater rafting allocations on the Penobscot River and the Kennebec River. There are 2 types of experience that are reviewed: experience on the river for which the allocation is sought and experience on rivers other than the those for which the allocation is sought. There has been some controversy about the proper interpretation of what the 2nd type of experience includes. The bill proposed to clarify this provision.
2. Current law provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must establish an 800 commercial passenger limit for Sundays on the Kennebec River if the commissioner anticipates sufficient releases of water. The bill proposed to establish an 800 commercial passenger limit for Sundays and to remove the requirement that the commissioner establish the limit by rule.
3. The bill proposed to remove the requirement that there be allocations on the Penobscot River on Sundays.
4. The bill proposed to remove obsolete references to the Whitewater Advisory Committee, which was terminated by sunset on June 30, 1990.
5. Under current law, an outfitter may not transfer allocations, through the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to another outfitter unless the first outfitter surrenders that outfitter's license to the department. This stands in the way of an outfitter transferring a portion of the