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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 785 **Resolve, Directing the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling to Study the Recycling of Incinerator Ash** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Maine Waste Management Agency, Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling to conduct a study of innovative technologies for the recycling and reuse of incinerator ash.

LD 796 **An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TITCOMB

SUMMARY

This bill requires a contractor operating a public emissions inspection station to issue a notice for a motor vehicle that fails to meet public emission standards. The notice must state the cause of failure and the repairs necessary to bring the vehicle into emission standards compliance. The bill also makes a certificate of compliance valid for 2 years from the date of issuance.

The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 822 **An Act to Reduce the Registration Fee on Small Hazardous Waste Generators** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ST. ONGE ONTP

SUMMARY

The bill would have reduced the annual fee under the toxics reduction program for facilities that generate less than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste in a calendar month from \$100 to \$50.

LD 824 **Resolve, to Direct the Department of Environmental Protection to Develop a Report Regarding the Feasibility of the State Applying to Assume Permitting Jurisdiction over Federal Wetlands** RESOLVE 16

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
MICHAUD OTP-AM H-272

SUMMARY

This resolve would have required the Department of Environmental Protection prepare to prepare a report on the feasibility of the State assuming permitting authority over federal wetlands.

Committee amendment "A" (H-272) replaced the bill. The amendment requires the Department of Environmental Protection to work in cooperation with the State Planning Office in the preparation of a report on the feasibility of the State assuming permitting authority over federal wetlands and methods for the State to reduce duplication in wetland permitting.

The amendment also creates a one-year project position at the State Planning Office, funded by federal grant monies, for the purposes of providing staff support for the project. The requirements of this resolve are in effect only if that grant is received and the project position is established.

LD 842 An Act to Require Public Notice of Unusual Radioactive Emissions ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TITCOMB	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have required any nuclear power plant operating in this State to give 24-hour notice of a planned radioactive release of at least 100 curies within a 24-hour period and to provide a toll-free number to answer questions relating to unusual radioactive emissions.

LD 863 Resolve, to Establish a Land Swap in Carrabassett Valley RESOLVE 12

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DEXTER	OTP	H-329 JACQUES

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the exchange of certain lands between the State and Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation.

House amendment "A" (H-329) adds a fiscal note to the Resolve.

LD 866 An Act to Allow the State to Enter into an Agreement with the State of South Carolina Concerning the Disposal of Low-level Radioactive Waste CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BARTH		

SUMMARY

This bill exempts compacts or agreements made with the State of South Carolina for the storage of low-level radioactive waste from the statewide ratification provisions of current law. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 871 An Act to Confirm when Site Location of Development Approval Is Unnecessary PUBLIC 366 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LORD	OTP-AM	H-504