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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, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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LD 796 An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Emission Inspection Program

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required a contractor operating a public emissions inspection station to issue a notice for a motor vehicle that fails to meet public emission standards, stating the cause of failure and the repairs necessary to bring the vehicle into emission standards compliance.

The bill would have also made a certificate of compliance valid for 2 years from the date of issuance, regardless of motor vehicle transfers.

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

PUBLIC 541
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
BARTH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-786

SUMMARY

This bill would exempt 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.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-786) provides that the only contract with South Carolina that may be entered into without voter approval is a contract for temporary rights to dispose of low-level radioactive waste from the United States Naval Facility in Kittery. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 923 An Act to Amend the Underground Oil Storage Tank Replacement Fund

PUBLIC 601
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
JACQUES
LUDWIG

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-868

SUMMARY

This bill expands the permissible uses of the underground oil tank loan program under the jurisdiction of the Finance Authority of Maine. It permits FAME to make grants or loans for aboveground oil storage tank or facility construction or replacement and for gasoline station vapor recovery projects. The bill also raises the ceiling on loans or grants to a single entity from \$300,000 to \$600,000, and provides for grants of up to \$35,000 for smaller gasoline station owners who are required to install vapor recovery equipment. The bill allows FAME to provide mortgage insurance for loans related to aboveground storage tank projects and vapor recovery projects.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-868) adds definitions for aboveground oil storage facility and tank, provides that an applicant for assistance with a vapor recovery or control project must be given a grant only if the person is not able to repay a loan, and makes other technical changes to the bill. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.