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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&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.

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full committee recommending any changes in the department's statutory authority that it found necessary. This amendment also added an appropriation and a fiscal note.

A senate floor amendment (S-233) replaces both the committee amendment and the original bill. This amendment requires the Department of Environmental Protection, on the basis of available information, to identify and justify provisions of proposed rules that it believes would impose a rule more stringent than comparable federal standards. The department is also directed to identify this type of rulemaking in its annual regulatory agenda.

**LD 1173      An Act Related to the Adoption of Municipal Ordinances  
and Comprehensive Plans and to Revise Notice Requirements  
for Certain Zoning Changes**

PUBLIC 374

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-343 S-280    CLEVELAND

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes alternatives to posting copies of lengthy documents and legal zoning maps and reduces the number of copies that a municipality must purchase from 3 to one because of the cost to the municipality of purchasing multiple copies.

This bill also would have amended the provisions in law that require municipalities to provide individual notices for many zoning changes.

Committee amendment "A" (H-343) would have required municipalities to use first-class mail to notify abutters to an area that would be affected by the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or map. The amendment also would have applied those notification requirements to ordinances or maps adopted or amended under the growth management laws or the mandatory shoreland zoning laws.

Senate amendment "C" (S-280) replaced the committee amendment. This amendment clarifies the notification requirements for municipalities when they adopt, amend or alter zoning ordinances. Under this amendment there are 2 types of notice requirements: a general provision for notice of the adoption, amendment or replacement of zoning ordinances, including ordinances adopted under growth management or shoreland zoning laws; and additional, individualized notices to persons affected by the adoption of amendments to zoning ordinances that would allow or prohibit commercial, industrial or retail uses in geographically specific portions of the municipality. The amendment also requires that notices of hearings be published 14 days in advance rather than 7 days and requires that the notices be written in plain English, understandable to the average citizen.

**LD 1176      An Act to Determine the Direct Economic Costs of  
Implementation of Environmental Regulations**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GWADOSKY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Department of Economic and Community Development to prepare an economic analysis of every rule proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection.