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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note and emergency preamble to the bill and conforms existing law to current drafting standards.

LD 1764 An Act to Preserve Productive Forests

P & S 98
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
HOLT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-846

SUMMARY

LD 1764 proposed certain limitations on timber harvesting practices in the unorganized areas of the State.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-846) replaced the bill. The amendment directs the Department of Conservation to evaluate the laws governing forest practices and rules adopted to implement those laws. The amendment also requires the department to convene a technical working group to assess the market and nonmarket pressure being applied to the Maine forests. A report is required on the evaluation by April 1, 1995 and a report is required on the assessment by September 1, 1995.

Funding for the 4 positions identified in the amendment as necessary to perform the evaluation and the assessment was provided from the General Fund in the FY 1994-95 supplemental budget.

LD 1767 An Act to Establish the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund

PUBLIC 728

SPONSOR(S)
MARTIN J

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-879

SUMMARY

LD 1767 proposed to create the Lake and Ocean Frontage Acquisition Board to acquire lake and ocean frontage for the purposes of conservation, recreation and protection of wildlife and plant habitat.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-879) replaced the bill. The amendment establishes the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. The fund is administered by the Land for Maine's Future Board, but remains separate from the Land for Maine's Future Fund established by the Legislature in 1987.

The primary purpose of the new fund is to provide public access to fresh or coastal waters that presently have either no public access or very limited public access. The amendment directs the board to use money in the fund to buy land or interests in land to provide that access.

The fund is intended to be capitalized by the issuance of general obligation bonds, however, no bond referendum was proposed in the committee amendment or in any accompanying legislation introduced during the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill and conforms existing law to current drafting standards.

LD 1769 An Act to Protect Maine's Lakes and Ponds

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BUSTIN
JACQUES

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 1769 proposed to allow the State to establish water level regimes or minimum flow requirements for 6 generating dams that are "grandfathered" by the Federal Power Act of 1920 because of pre-existing federal