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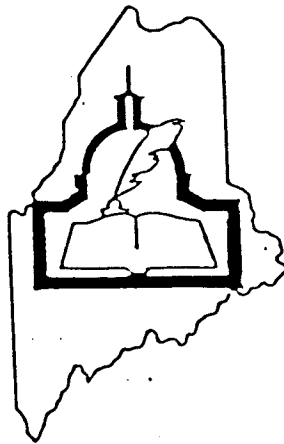
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	(COMMITTEE REPORT) <u>DISPOSITION</u>
2354	RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH A SELECT COMMITTEE CONCERNING FOREST PRACTICES IN THE STATE	MacEachern McGowan Pearson Carpenter	Res. Law 1983, c. 85 EMER.

SUMMARY: Creates a Select Committee reporting to the 1st regular session of the 112th Legislature. The committee will study "the effects of forest practices on the Fisheries & Wildlife of the State and the impact of future trends in forest products markets on the State's forest resources". The membership of 12 is selected by the President and Speaker (6 legislators) and by the Governor (6 persons interested and knowledgeable in forestry).

2368	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIMBER-HARVESTING PROVISIONS OF THE ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY STATUTES		PL 1983, c. 754
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 2086 clarifies the authority of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to control timber harvesting outside of the restricted zone (500 feet back from high water), but still within the boundaries of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway (one mile back from high water). Under the bill, which resulted from a Committee study during the 1983 interim of timber harvesting within the Waterway, when timber harvesting is proposed for areas of the Waterway visible from the watercourse north of Churchill Dam, the bureau must approve the landowner's management plan before the operations may commence. The bureau is to approve the plan if it presents the silvicultural alternative which produces the least adverse impact upon the areas of the Waterway visible from the watercourse, and is economically feasible. The applicant may waive the requirement of economic feasibility. The bureau must also report to the 113th Legislature its experience under this legislation and a proposal for transferring authority to regulate timber harvesting within the Waterway to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.

2369	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE EXISTENCE OF BARRIERS TO AND FEES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS	Jacques	PL 1983, c. 715
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 1302 requires the Bureau of Public Lands to report annually to the Legislature on barriers to and fees for access to public reserved lands. The report is to be limited to gates or barriers that block the only or the primary motor vehicle access to a parcel. The report is not to cover public lots in Baxter State Park.