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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 527 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DRILLING OF WELLS SCARPINO

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have prohibited drilling any water supply wells within 150 feet of any existing water supply well owned by a person other than the owner of the proposed well. The committee recommended against passage on the grounds that the 150 foot zone was arbitrary and not a scientifically sound regulatory policy. See related legislation, LD 731.

LD: 560 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOREST FIRE CONTROL DIVISION JACQUES MASTERMAN DEXTER CARPENTER

OTP HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC  
SENATE Enacted CH # 108  
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed changes in the all-terrain vehicle laws and the forest fire laws to more clearly define:

1. enforcement responsibilities of forest fire control personnel,
2. the period used for the calculation of reimbursements to municipalities for forest fire control,
3. special restrictions on forest campfire permits issued to Maine guides,
4. the status of forest fire control vehicles as "emergency vehicles".

The bill also allows the Department of Conservation to designate backcountry campsites for which litter baskets will not be required.

LD: 571 AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE MINING OF SAND, FILL OR GRAVEL FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES UNDER THE SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT LAW KANY HOLLOWAY USHER BROWN L

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Current law exempts borrow pits for sand, fill or gravel covering up to 5 acres from regulation by the Site Location of Development Law. This bill would have eliminated the

exemption for borrow pits used for commercial purposes, unless the pit is regulated by the Department of Transportation or the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. Pits for personal use would have continued to be exempt.

LD: 615 AN ACT TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF THE  
DISPOSAL OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
ND: 1649

MAJ OTP-ND/NT HOUSE Accepted MAJ Committee Report  
MIN OTP SENATE Accepted MAJ Committee Report  
GOV  
H-371 HA SCARPINO

SUMMARY:  
See New Draft LD 1649.

LD: 617 RESOLVE, CONCERNING BLACKFLY CONTROL MICHAUD  
HARPER  
PEARSON  
MARTIN J

OTP-AM HOUSE Finally Passed RESOLVE  
SENATE Finally Passed CH # 41  
GOV SIGNED  
H-73 CA H S

SUMMARY:  
The bill appropriated \$30,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the study of black fly control and the related economic and environmental considerations. The committee amended the original bill (CA H-73) to allow the Commissioner of DEP to accept funds from counties and municipalities for the study and to require the DEP to report on its progress to the 2nd Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

LD: 632 RESOLVE, TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMISSION KANY  
EMERGENCY ON PUBLIC LANDS POLICY AND MANAGEMENT MITCHELL  
MARTIN J  
PRAY

OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:  
See New Draft LD1515 and LD1627