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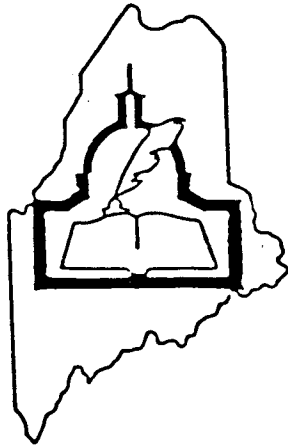
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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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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:

1206

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARVESTING OF
HIGH-VALUE WOOD FOR PROCESSING INTO WOOD
CHIPS FOR BIOMASS BOILERS

RIDLEY
JACQUES
DEXTER
MICHAUD

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed a regulatory program, administered by the Department of Conservation, to limit the use of high value wood (saw logs, veneer, pulp) for fuel chips. The bill was specifically targeted at whole tree chip harvesting operations. The committee granted the sponsor leave to withdraw on the grounds that the program was not administratively feasible.

LD:

1229

AN ACT TO BRING INTO CONFORMITY MUNICIPAL
AND STATE SUBDIVISION LAWS

STEVENS P
JACKSON
TRAFTON
DANTON

HELD

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have made several changes in the definition of "subdivision" in the Site Law in order to make that law more similar to the municipal subdivision law. Specifically, a parcel of land divided by a road would be considered 2 parcels for subdivision purposes; lots of 40 acres would not be considered lots for subdivision purposes; and a lot created by a subdivider for his use for a single-family residence would not be considered a lot for subdivision purposes after 5 years of such use. The bill would also have specified that transfer of an interest in land to an abutter would not be considered to create a lot for subdivision purposes, regardless of how the abutter acquired the abutting land.

This bill will be carried over to the next Session and studied by the committee over the summer in order to determine what changes, if any, are appropriate in the subdivision laws.