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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: 1515 AN ACT REGARDING THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS

KANY
MITCHELL
MARTIN J
PRAY

HOUSE Other
SENATE Other
GOV

S-87 SA PEARSON S

SUMMARY:
See LD 1627.

LD: 1527 AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE PERMIT
PROCESSING PERIOD FOR HYDROPOWER PROJECTS

DIAMOND J
USHER
JACQUES
HOLLOWAY

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

OTP-AM H-304 CA H S

PUBLIC
CH # 362

SUMMARY:
This bill allows the BEP and LURC to waive the time limit requirements for processing applications for hydropower projects if 2/3 of the eligible members of the board or commission vote to do so.

CA-H-304: The Committee Amendment limits the BEP and LURC to one extension of up to 45 days. After that, additional extensions may be granted only at the request of the applicant. Applications for projects already filed with the board or commission will be covered by the law in effect at the time the permit was filed.

LD: 1545 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN
PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

PRAY
PERKINS
LANDER

HOUSE Finally Passed
SENATE Finally Passed
GOV SIGNED

OTP-AM S-193 CA H S

RESOLVE
CH # 38

SUMMARY:
This bill authorizes the State, acting through the Bureau of Public Lands, to sell certain isolated public lots. The money realized from the sale of lots will be used to purchase additional Public Reserved Land.

CA-S-193: The Committee Amendment adds a fiscal note for the increase in dedicated revenue from the sale.

LD: 1546 RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OR SALE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS MARTIN J MICHAUD USHER PERKINS

MAJ OTP-AM HOUSE Finally Passed MAJ RESOLVE
MIN OTP-AM SENATE Finally Passed MAJ CH # 40
GOV SIGNED

H-334 CA MAJ REP H S
H-335 CB MIN REP

SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes the State, acting through the Bureau of Public Lands, to sell or swap certain Public Lots in order to continue to consolidate and expand the Public Reserved Lands System. There was discussion at worksession on the appropriateness of the exchange of lands in Chain of Ponds Township and the sale of public lots in Carrabassett Valley. The minority report (CB-H-335) would have deleted the Chain of Ponds Township transaction from the bill.

CA-H-334: (Majority Report) The Committee Amendment authorizes the sale of an additional camp lot in Chain of Ponds Township, makes several technical amendments in the bill and adds a fiscal note to reflect the increase in dedicated revenue from the sales authorized by the bill.

LD: 1550 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FOREST RESOURCES OF MAINE (REPORTED PURSUANT TO RESOLVES CHAPT 85 OF 1983)

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 485
GOV SIGNED

H-318 CA H S
H-329 JACQUES
H-340 HA CONNOLLY
S-231 USHER H S
S-235 SA USHER
S-240 SB USHER H S
S-329 PEARSON H S

SUMMARY:

This bill was the product of the Select Committee on Forest Practices. The bill established the "Maine Forests for the Future" program in the Department of Conservation. The program was designed to assess and project the condition of the forest resource and the