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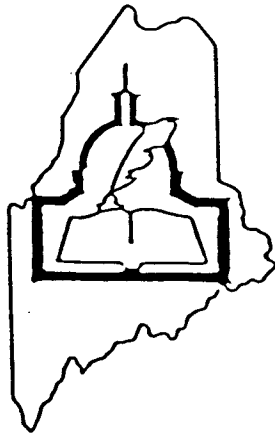
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO CONSERVE STRIPED BASS
1720

ND LD 2041

Sponsor: CARTER, Crowley
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2041.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCALLOP DRAGGING FROM
1803 SUNSET TO SUNRISE DURING THE ENTIRE SCALLOP
SEASON

LVWD

Sponsor: ZIRNKILTON, Salsbury, Crowley, Holloway
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed a ban on night-time scallop dragging throughout the scallop season. The Committee granted a leave to withdraw on the grounds the DMR regulations were effectively reducing the gear conflict problems that were of concern to the sponsor.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE A PARALYTIC SHELLFISH
1823 POISON MONITORING PROGRAM

PL 1985
c. 784

Sponsor: VOSE, Brown
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill proposes a monitoring program to track the incidence of red tide poisoning in shellfish. The program is specifically targeted to soft-shell clams at present. This bill provides additional funding, through a tax on mahogany quahogs, to expand the program to cover sampling and testing mahogany quahogs for red tide. The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee which reported it out "ought-not-to-pass". The bill was recalled from legislative files and accepted with an amendment attached in the Senate (SA-528). A House amendment (HA-725) was rejected.

LD AN ACT EXEMPTING MERCINARIA MERCINARIA
1824 RAISED BY MEANS OF AQUACULTURE FROM THE
2-INCH CLAM LAW

PL 1985
c. 586NE

Sponsor: ROLDE, McPherson
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-547 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill proposed an exemption from a 2" minimum size limit on quahogs for a specific species of quahogs raised in aquacultural operations. Despite some concerns over potential enforcement problems if the wild fishery for this species of quahogs makes a comeback, the Committee unanimously approved the bill with a sunset provision (CA H-547) of approximately 2 years.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE AN ONGOING COOPERATIVE INDEF PP
1842 ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE
RESOURCES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Sponsor: BROWN, L., Brown, A., Crowley, Chalmers
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-381 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill sought to bypass normal state contracting procedures in order to continue an arrangement between the DMR and UMO for joint appointments of research faculty. The Committee unanimously approved the bill with a minor amendment (CA S-381). The bill later indefinitely postponed after the problem was resolved by agreement between the Bureau of Purchases and the DMR.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING A MUSSEL DRAGGING SEASON LVWD
1904

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Coles, Dillenback, Stover
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed a closed season on mussel dragging. The bill and a companion measure (see LD 2130) were granted a leave to withdraw after the sponsors and the committee agreed to request an interim study on the subject.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CLEAN-UP PROGRAM PL 1985
1952 CONCERNING NATURAL DIE-OFF OF FISH IN THE c. 786
COASTAL WATERS OF THE STATE

Sponsor: SMALL, Cahill, Holloway, Stover
Committee Report: OTP

S-539 CHALMERS H S