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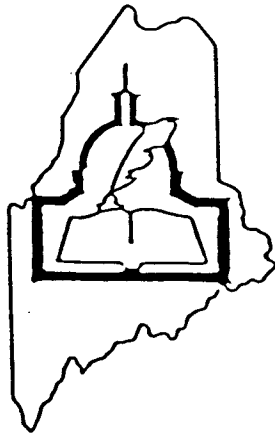
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

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

SUMMARY: This bill proposed the creation of a special fund with an initial appropriation of \$125,000 to support the clean up of fish kills. The bill results from concerns of midcoastal residents who have experienced massive fish kills of bluefish and menhaden over the past several years. The Committee unanimously approved the bill. The Senate amended th bill (S-539) to remove any appropriation and established the DMR as the agency responsible for problem assessment and technical advice to effected municipalities.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING ATLANTIC SALMON  
1963

ND LD 2284

Sponsor: CARTER, Ruhlin, Connors, Perkins  
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2284.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING LOBSTER TRAP IDENTIFICATION  
1970 TAGS

PL 1985  
c. 540

Sponsor: CHALMERS, Crowley  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1676.

SUMMARY: The original bill (LD1676) proposed to eliminate a sunset provision that would have allowed the DMR to charge for lobster trap tags after December 31,1986. Because of committee concern that the Commissioner of DMR intended to extend the trap tagging program beyond the Swan's Island experimental area without legislative review, LD 1676 was reported out in new draft by the committee majority with tag fee authority until September 30,1990 but explicitly limiting the authority to the Swan's Island area. The majority of the committee felt that this had been the original intent of the Marine Resources Committee when the authority was first granted in 1984 (PL 1983, c. 687). The committee minority felt that the restricted authority unnecessarily limited the Commissioner's ability to manage the lobster resource. The majority report was enacted.

LD AN ACT TO CONSERVE STRIPED BASS  
2041

PL 1985  
c. 596

Sponsor: CARTER, Crowley  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1720.

H-549 CROWLEY  
S-391 CHALMERS H S