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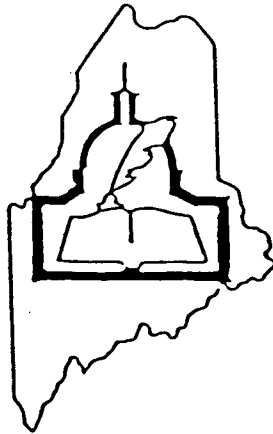
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

CA-H-609: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the process by which a quitclaim deed may be issued for the lands around Little Sebago Lake. The amendment requires the abutting landowner seeking the quitclaim deed to provide certified documentation to support his application. The amendment also provides a mechanism for notifying abutting landowners of the proposed boundary line extension prior to issuance of the quitclaim deed. The amendment authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to establish fees to cover reasonable costs.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF WATER
2032 QUALITY STANDARDS OF HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

ND LD 2107

Sponsor: VOSE, Usher, Perkins, Paradis, E.
Committee Report: OTP-ND, OTP-AM

H-541 CA

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2107.

LD AN ACT TO CONTROL ACID RAIN
2034

ONTP

Sponsor: COLES, Mitchell, Ridley, Kany
Committee Report: ONTP, OTP-ND

SUMMARY: The original bill expanded existing legislative findings on acid rain by calling for reduction in sulfur dioxide (SO₂), established an annual reporting requirement for major fuel users, and established a 2-tier statewide SO₂ emission reduction goal for all sources. The final statewide emission goal would have been 1.2 pounds of SO₂ per 1,000,000 btu's in 1995; the 1990 interim goal would have been 1.4 pounds or halfway between the 1987 emission rate and the final goal. Emission sources required to reduce their emissions could use any one or a combination of several reduction methods. Although there was debate on the issue, it appeared that because of the base on which the statewide emission rate was to be calculated very little, if any, reduction in SO₂ over what would normally occur would have been required for most sources in order to meet the 1990 interim goal.

The new draft would have established a new interim goal of 1.5 pounds of SO₂ per 1,000,000 btu and would have maintained the 1.2 final goal for 1995. Those goals would have applied only to major fossil fuel-burning facilities which current figures indicate emit SO₂ at a rate of about 1.8 pounds per 1,000,000 btu.

LD AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTENSIVE SPRUCE-FIR
2070 MANAGEMENT

P&SL 1985
c. 111

Sponsor: MARTIN, J., Pray
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 286.

H-571 CONNOLLY
H-595 MICHAUD
S-388 BROWN, L.
S-392 BROWN, L.
S-513 PEARSON H S

SUMMARY: The original bill proposed an incentives program for spruce-fir management through a tax credit and service forestry program. The new draft proposes a pilot program for the same purpose but utilizes a system of direct grants with minimal administrative staff. The Committee unanimously approved the new draft. The House amended the new draft (HA-571) to discourage the use of aerial herbicide applications as part of the state-funded grants program. A technical amendment (HB-595) reallocated the advisory board created by the bill to a more appropriate section of the laws dealing with boards and commissions. Senate amendments (SA-388 and SB-392) to give priority to projects not using silvicultural chemicals were not accepted. The Appropriations Committee rejected the program due to revenue shortages and replaced the entire bill with an allocation from the Federal Expenditure Fund to create a new entomologist position in the Maine Forest Service (S-513).

LD AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
2071 POLLUTION ABATEMENT

PL 1985
c. 689

Sponsor: BEGLEY, Mayo, Michaud, Holloway
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1797.

S-540 LAW H S
H-564 BEGLEY
H-614 LAW H S
S-389 CHALMERS H S
S-463 MCBREAIRTY H S