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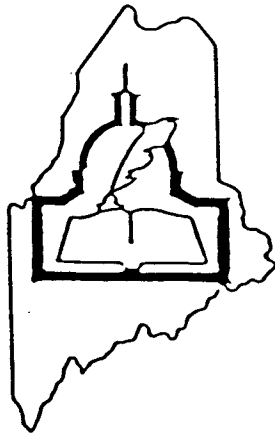
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

SUMMARY: This is a new draft of LD1720. This bill proposed a change in the minimum legal length of striped bass and reduces the creel limit from 4 fish to 2 fish per day. Two amendments (SA-391 and HA-549) were offered to correct technical problems with the repealer section. SA-391 was adopted and enacted. The bill responds to federal requirements on the conservation of striped bass.

LD            AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SARDINE INSPECTION TAX            LVWD  
2050

Sponsor: VOSE  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed the repeal of the Sardine Inspection Tax. Because of a fiscal note of \$250,000 from the General Fund, the Maine Sardine Council requested that the subject be studied during the interim. The Committee granted a leave to withdraw to the sponsor and requested the study.

LD            AN ACT RELATING TO LEASE FEES UNDER THE            P&SL 1985  
2067        BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS                                    c. 88

Sponsor: SCARPINO  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1714.

SUMMARY: The original bill (LD 1714) would have established a new schedule of aquaculture licensing fees modeled generally on the system employed by the Bureau of Public Lands. After considerable testimony regarding the economic impact of the measure on the aquaculture industry, the Committee agreed to direct DMR and the Bureau of Public Lands to conduct a joint study of the subject. The new draft directs these agencies to develop recommendations which are "consistent with existing lease procedures and fees adopted by the Bureau of Public Lands". The recommendations are due on or before January 1, 1987.

LD            RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MARINE        RESOLVE 1985  
2076        RESOURCES TO LEASE LANDS AND BUILDINGS IN            c. 68  
             WEST BOOTHBAY HARBOR

Sponsor: CHALMERS, Manning, Holloway, Vose  
Committee Report: OTP