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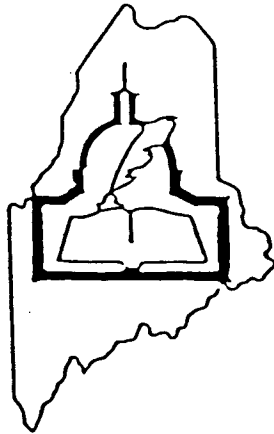
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged 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: The original bill would have required the department to consider the property owner's ability to pay when determining how much the State will contribute to small pollution abatement construction projects. The Department of Environmental Protection may pay up to 90% of those small pollution abatement construction projects with a limit of \$100,000 for each project. Up to \$1,000,000 worth of those projects are funded from the general bond issue for construction of sewage treatment facilities each year. The money may be used for projects benefiting individual homeowners or businesses. The bill provided for adoption of rules by DEP to implement ability to pay provisions.

The New Draft dispenses with the ability to pay approach and restricts the department's contribution for these small projects to up to 50% for projects serving seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments. The following floor amendments were adopted:

HA-H-540: This amendment requires applications for small pollution abatement projects serving a single family residence or individual commercial establishment to include a statement showing the financial need of the applicant.

HB/HA-H-564: This amendment clarifies that the statement of financial condition required by the amendment applies to the owner of the single-family dwelling or commercial establishment for which the pollution abatement project is sought.

SA-S-389: This amendment ensures that the changes proposed by the bill apply prospectively only.

SA/SA-S-463: This amendment extends the application of the pollution abatement construction program, small pollution abatement construction program and the salt or sand-salt storage pollution abatement construction program to residents of the unorganized territories.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE STATUTES INDEF. PP
2072 GOVERNING CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS

Sponsor: COLES, Hoglund, Jacques, Kany
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1815.

SUMMARY: The new draft allowed the DEP to extend its inventory of hazardous air pollutants through requests for source specific information. The new draft also authorizes the Commissioner of the DEP to shut down sources of hazardous air pollutants which pose imminent danger to public health and safety. The procedures for this type of action are spelled out. Both aspects of the new draft are similar, but somewhat more limited, to those of the original L.D. The Appropriations Committee rejected the bill due to its \$105,500 cost.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF WATER
2107 QUALITY STANDARDS TO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

PL 1985
c. 772

Sponsor: VOSE, Usher, Perkins, Paradis, E.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2032.

H-575 COLES
H-722 MICHAUD
H-738 MICHAUD H S
S-393 BUSTIN
S-398 BUSTIN
S-408 BALDACCI
S-442 KANY
S-542 KANY

SUMMARY: The original bill proposed revisions in the procedures for evaluating proposed hydropower projects. Specifically, the bill provided for automatic reclassification of rivers dammed by hydropower projects to the GP-A classification for lakes. This would have allowed the BEP to evaluate the impacts of a proposed hydropower project on water quality using the standards of the Great Pond classification (GP-A) rather than the classification of the existing river. This would have removed the dissolved oxygen standards from the evaluation of hydropower projects.