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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

MARINE RESOURCES

LD 3 AN ACT TO PROTECT UNDERSEA CABLES.

PL 1987  
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EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PERKINS, Zirnkilton  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill made technical corrections in the description of the cable area between Swan's Island and Frenchboro, Long Island which was closed by the Legislature in 1985 to all forms of dragging. The bill also changed the penalty provisions for dragging in the cable area from civil to criminal. Civil penalty provisions were not considered a strong enough deterrent to prevent fishermen from dragging the cable area. Criminal penalty provisions give marine patrol officers the authority to issue summonses and make arrests.

LD 12 AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF LOBSTER GEAR. ONTP

Sponsor: RICE  
Committee Report: ONTP-OTP

SUMMARY: This bill, sponsored on behalf of the Maine Lobstermen's Association (MLA), would have made it illegal to install, repair, or operate an automatic line cutting device commonly known as "spurs" in Maine waters. MLA contends that they suffer tremendous trap losses from spurs each year. The Committee felt that DMR's enforcement of this bill would be very difficult, especially with the influx of out-of-state boaters in the summer. A similar bill was vetoed by the Governor in the 112th session.

LD 13 AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF PARAVANES. ONTP

Sponsor: SCARPINO  
Committee Report: ONTP-12 OTP-A-1

SUMMARY: Paravanes are bird-shaped stabilizing devices mounted on outriggers used by commercial fishing vessels. Paravanes have the potential to damage lobster gear when submerged by catching hold of trap lines and dragging traps considerable distances. This bill would have outlawed their use except when a vessel is actively fishing. The Committee, citing safety concerns and the difficulty of enforcing the bill, voted ONTP. The sponsor amended the

bill to clarify the definition of a paravane and to restrict their use to only inside U.S. Coast Guard recognized channels. The House and Senate accepted the majority report.

LD 18 AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF PARAVANES. LVWD

Sponsor: RICE, Salsbury  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill was similar to LD 13 in that it proposed to limit the use of paravanes by vessels that are not actively fishing. The sponsor withdrew the bill to allow discussion to focus on LD 13.

LD 21 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SARDINE INSPECTION TAX. ND LD 1711

Sponsor: VOSE  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1711

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1711.

LD 85 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LOBSTER HATCHERY PROGRAM. ND LD 1425

Sponsor: VOSE, Randall, Crowley  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1425

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1425.

LD 187 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SARDINE INSPECTION TAX. LVWD

Sponsor: VOSE  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill was a duplicate of LD 21 and was withdrawn by the sponsor.