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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.

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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

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

LD 20 AN ACT REGARDING THE GENERATION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE. ONTP

Sponsor: Initiated Bill
Committee Report: Maj-ONTP - Min-OTP

SUMMARY: The bill was initiated by the state's voters following a successful signature collection effort. The bill proposes a ban on the generation of high-level radioactive waste at nuclear power stations after July 4, 1988. The intended effect of this legislation would be to close the Maine Yankee nuclear power station at Wiscasset, Maine. The committee majority voted against the bill which has the effect of sending the question to the voters in the fall of 1987. The committee minority voted in favor of the bill. Efforts to change the wording of the ballot question through legislation (see LD 119 - Legal Affairs) were unsuccessful.

LD 26 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CROOKED RIVER IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND SPECIAL PROTECTION TO OUTSTANDING RIVERS TO THE CROOKED RIVER LVWD

Sponsor: BLACK, Ruhlin, Greenlaw, Jackson
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill made a technical correction in the geographic description of the portion of the Crooked River which is subject to certain land use controls under the 1983 Maine Rivers Act. The bill also included the same portion of the Crooked River in the provisions of the Rivers Act that bans new hydropower development without prior legislative authorization and severely restricts the redevelopment of existing hydro facilities. The committee voted unanimously against the bill, taking the position that any "reclassification" of Maine rivers should take place in the context of a comprehensive review of all Maine rivers. The bill was recalled from legislative files after the committee report was accepted. However, the effect of this action was simply to change the committee report from "ought-not-to-pass" to "leave-to-withdraw".