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FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

BILL SUMMARY



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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

LD 94

Sponsor: USHER

Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Last year 2,030 of a total 13,650 doe permits were acquired by nonresidents. This bill proposed to require that only state residents be issued doe permits. The bill was introduced in response to concerns that residents were not given ample hunting opportunities because of the allocation of nonresident doe permits.

LD AN ACT TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE

95 COMMISSIONER OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL PRODUCTS IN WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREAS.

LVWD

Sponsor: LUDWIG, Jacques, Smith Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed to enable the commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to allow municipalities to harvest or remove natural products from wildlife management areas to be used for public purposes. Several of these areas have gravel deposits that would help municipalities maintain road networks through Management Areas and relieve their tax burden.

The Department currently has the authority to sell natural products from their lands but their policy has been not to allow it. They feel it is not consistent with their objective of managing department-owned lands in a manner beneficial to wildlife.

The Department agreed to reevaluate this policy in some limited situations.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE NONRESIDENT MOOSE HUNTERS TO LVWD 100 EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF A LICENSED MAINE GUIDE.

Sponsor: SMITH

Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed to require that all non-resident moose hunters employ a licensed resident Maine guide. It was felt that many non-resident hunters were unprepared for the hunt, that getting a moose out of the woods is especially difficult and a lot of care and special handling is needed to keep the meat from spoiling. The

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