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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

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.

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.

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

Committee felt that standards for guides were not selective enough at this time to mandate the use of guides.

LD AN ACT CREATING A DEER ALLOWANCE DURING ARCHERY LVWD
145 SEASON.

Sponsor: ROTONDI, Smith, Hepburn, Brawn
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed to allow archery hunters an allowance to take one deer during archery season and one deer during the regular hunting season. Currently, they are allowed only one deer. Arguments in support of the bill included the fact that archery hunters must purchase an additional license to hunt and that only 302 deer were killed by archery hunters last year.

The Committee expressed concern that this provision would substantially increase the number of archery hunters and that in light of recent efforts to rebuild the deer herd, an archery allowance would not be viewed as a positive action.

LD AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A DEER ALLOWANCE DURING LVWD
148 MUZZLE-LOADING RIFLE SEASON.

Sponsor: ROTONDI, Smith, Hepburn, Weymouth
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Similar to LD 145, this bill sought to allow black powder hunters a deer allowance during their special season in late fall. The Committee expressed the same concerns for this bill as for LD 145 and it was withdrawn.

LD AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PARTY SIZE TO 12 PERSONS ND LD 812
153 FOR ALL GROUPS OPERATING WITH A GUIDE ON INLAND
WATERS.

Sponsor: JACQUES, Rotondi
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 812

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 812.