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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:

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| 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 416 AN ACT TO REQUIRE NONRESIDENTS TO HUNT OR TRAP BEAR WITH THE SERVICES OF A RESIDENT LICENSED GUIDE. LVWD

Sponsor: JACQUES
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The concerns and issues addressed in this bill were similar to those of LD 100. The sponsor withdrew the bill.

LD 419 AN ACT TO PROVIDE WILDLIFE EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS. ND LD 1155
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: DUFFY, Jacques, McGowan, Usher
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1155

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1155.

LD 425 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BEAR THE COST OF FENCING ORCHARDS WHICH ARE DAMAGED BY MOOSE OR DEER. LVWD

Sponsor: NORTON
Committee Report: Referred to Committee on Agriculture

SUMMARY: This bill sought to increase the portion of fencing costs covered by the State to exclude deer and moose. Currently, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pays up to 50% of the fencing cost when they find an orchard damaged by deer. The projected cost of this bill was \$300,000.

The sponsor asked that the bill be referred to the Committee on Agriculture to get General Fund monies to cover the program rather than Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's dedicated funds. The sponsor received a leave to withdraw from the Agriculture Committee.

LD 435 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF DOE HUNTING PERMITS TO PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE HUNTING LICENSES. ONTP

Sponsor: SMITH, McHenry, Jacques, Dow
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill proposed to allow persons eligible for a free hunting license (e.g. persons over 70 years of age, paraplegics and Indians), to receive a free permit to hunt does. The sponsor felt that the free hunting license should carry all of the privileges.

The Department testified against the bill because of the large number of complimentary licenses given out each year. The complimentary figure of 25,000 would surpass the number of doe permits the Department normally issues. The random distribution of these permits also would remove flexibility to manage the deer herd on a regional basis. They also cited enforcement problems.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL MOOSE HUNTING ONTP
480 LOTTERY FOR CERTAIN SENIOR CITIZENS.

Sponsor: STROUT D, Hussey, Smith, Erwin P
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill proposed to increase the number of moose hunting permits by 100 and run a special moose lottery for residents over 70 years of age. Citing LD 30, which tried to increase the number of moose hunting permits and was indefinitely tabled in the House, the Committee felt it was clear the Legislature did not want to increase the number of moose permits.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SHOOTING OF IMMATURE LVWD
508 DEER.

Sponsor: TWITCHELL
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have prohibited harvesting immature deer, defined as weighing less than 60 pounds when registered. Enforcement of this provision was felt to be unworkable by the Department, the sponsor withdrew the bill.

LD AN ACT TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLES OVER 1,000 ND LD 1437
515 POUNDS ON LAKES, PONDS OR RESERVOIRS USED TO
SUPPLY DRINKING WATER.

Sponsor: CAHILL, Ludwig, Holloway, Coles
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1437

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1437.