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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

Finally, the bill authorized studies of health and environmental threats from above-ground oil and hazardous materials storage tanks and the development of program to handle small quantities of hazardous wastes from small businesses and households.

The House amendment (H-359) corrected a technical drafting error in the committee amendment.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO AND PL 1987
864 ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL c. 192
PROTECTION.

Sponsor: MICHAUD, Jacques, Mitchell, Usher
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-132 COMMITTEE
H-137 BROWN

SUMMARY: The original bill was omnibus legislation for the Department of Environmental Protection. Many provisions corrected technical problems with existing statute or made minor revisions to administrative and procedural aspects of environmental law.

The committee amendment deleted two sections dealing with salt storage facilities. This topic is the subject of other legislation considered by the committee (See LD 1749). Several provisions of the bill amended solid and hazardous waste law dealing with normal and emergency clean-up (compliance) orders. The bill also establishes an "Uncontrolled Sites Fund" to provide for long-term oversight of hazardous waste sites. Sources of funding will include the settlements received by the State under the Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Site Law. The committee amendment incorporates the substance of LD 245 dealing with court jurisdiction over land use law (in different statutory form) which was rereferred to the committee from the Judiciary Committee.

A floor amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading (H-137) corrected a drafting error in the original bill.