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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

LD AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE PLACING OF BEAR BAIT. ND LD 1620
825

Sponsor: JACQUES, Greenlaw, Duffy, Clark H
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1620

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1620.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND THE FRESHWATER FISHING SEASON ONTP
893 FOR NONGAME FISH IN SOUTHERN MAINE.

Sponsor: GREENLAW
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The open season for bass, pickerel and perch for all waters within York, Cumberland and Oxford counties would have been extended through the month of October through this bill. The sponsor felt that many of the lakes in this region could support a few extra days of fishing in October.

The Department opposed this bill on the grounds that a blanket approval of fishing in these waters was not sound management. They proposed dealing with specific lakes and waters through the regulatory process.

LD AN ACT TO BAN WATERSKIING ON CERTAIN PARTS OF LVWD
902 THE SACO RIVER.

Sponsor: WARREN, Duffy, Smith
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed to ban waterskiing on the Saco River. Because the river is over 400 feet wide, the boating safety rules allow waterskiing. The waterskiiers have set up a regulation slalom course on the river in years past. The Department has issued a waiver to allow skiing over to one side of the river, rather than down the center channel. This has been done to minimize conflicts with navigation and as a safety precaution. There have been major conflicts among riverfront landowners and waterskiiers. The Committee felt this issue was best resolved at a local level by the parties involved.