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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 CREATING THE ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL
985 WATERWAY COMMISSION.

PL 1987
c. 470

Sponsor: TAMMARO, Moholland, Vose, Randall
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-131 COMMITTEE
S-291 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The bill established an international commission to coordinate management of the natural resources along the St. Croix River. Made up of both U.S. and Canadian members, the commission was designed to work through existing regulatory channels to promote resource development and management. The committee amendment emphasizes the advisory nature of the commission, simplifies the description of membership qualifications and provides for review of the commission by the Audit and Program Review Committee.

The floor amendment (S-291) corrects a technical error in the appropriations language and defers the start up of the commission from Fiscal Year '88 to Fiscal Year '89.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO CONVEY ITS
990 INTEREST IN THE PUBLIC LOTS IN THE TOWN OF
WESTMANLAND TO THE INHABITANTS OF WESTMANLAND.

LVWD

Sponsor: COLLINS, McHenry, Tuttle
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill directed the Bureau of Public Lands to grant title to the public lots in the town of Westmanland to the inhabitants of the town. See LD 1443.

LD AN ACT TO COORDINATE THE REVIEW PROCESS OF THE
994 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
MAINE LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION.

PL 1987
c. 233

Sponsor: KANY, Martin J, Mitchell, Hoglund
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-72 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill transferred jurisdiction over all hydropower licensing in the state to the Department of Environmental Protection. Currently, the Land Use Regulation Commission has jurisdiction over hydro licensing within its jurisdiction.

The bill also gave the Board of Environmental Protection jurisdiction over the siting of low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities in the areas of the state under the Land Use Regulation Commission's jurisdiction. Currently, the commission shares jurisdiction with the Board of Environmental Protection.

The committee amendment deleted all references to hydro licensing.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON LAND LEASES CARRY-OVER
1006 AFFECTING TREE GROWTH CLASSIFICATION. EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MARTIN J, Pray, Webster C, Jacques
Committee Report: CARRY-OVER

SUMMARY: The bill imposed a moratorium until January 1, 1988 on all rents, leases, conveyances or other transfers of property in the unorganized territories that "changed the primary use of the parcel". The bill stemmed from concern over the increase in the exclusive use leasing of forest land registered under the Tree Growth Tax Law. The committee considered several alternative versions and ultimately decided to hold the bill until the second regular session of the 113th Legislature pending the outcome of two legislative studies; one on forest taxation and the second on outdoor recreation.

LD RESOLVE, TO DIRECT A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION RESOLVE 1987
1023 OF THE HEALTH THREAT OF RADON AND ITS c. 54
DERIVATIVES UPON MAINE CITIZENS. EMERGENCY

Sponsor: WHITCOMB, Hanley, Brown, Brawn
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-168 COMMITTEE
S-268 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The resolve established a study commission to examine the health threats and related issues posed by naturally occurring radon gas. The commission was established with broad membership and an explicit set of responsibilities.

The committee amendment modified the bill to include representation from labor, to provide staff support through the Bureau of Health, to revise the appointment procedure, to add an emergency preamble, and to extend the study by approximately 9 months.