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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

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 1006 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON LAND LEASES AFFECTING TREE GROWTH CLASSIFICATION. CARRY-OVER 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 1023 RESOLVE, TO DIRECT A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE HEALTH THREAT OF RADON AND ITS DERIVATIVES UPON MAINE CITIZENS. RESOLVE 1987 c. 54 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.