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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 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.

The Appropriations Committee amendment (S-268) reduced the appropriation supporting the study by \$8000 to a total of \$5000 and shortened the study period by one year. The final report is due on January 15, 1988.

LD AN ACT TO IDENTIFY ASBESTOS AS HAZARDOUS WASTE. LVWD  
1041

Sponsor: WEBSTER C, Usher, Dexter, Richard  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill designated asbestos as a legally defined hazardous waste. This material is currently treated as a "special waste" under Department of Environmental Protection regulation. The committee rejected this bill in view of other legislation under consideration. See LDs 1191, 1762 and 1862.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF ND LD 1680  
1062 BIOMASS BURNERS.

Sponsor: RIDLEY, Jacques, Dexter, Usher  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1680

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1680.

LD AN ACT TO PROTECT THE STATE'S FRESHWATER GREAT ND LD 1761  
1068 PONDS AND RIVERS.

Sponsor: KIMBALL, Michaud, Diamond, Black  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1761

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1761.

LD AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT PL 1987  
1087 OF MEMBERS OF THE MAINE LAND USE REGULATION c. 132  
COMMISSION.

Sponsor: ANDERSON, Clark H, MacBride, Ludwig  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-87 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill eliminated the existing requirement that the members of the Land Use Regulation Commission have public membership experienced in four specific areas. The bill replaced this requirement with language similar to