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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 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

that used for the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill added language to provide a mechanism for the automatic removal of members whose terms have expired. The bill required that one member of the commission be a resident of an organized town under the commission's jurisdiction and an additional member be a resident of an unorganized township within the commission's jurisdiction. The existing statute required one member to be a resident of the commission's jurisdiction. Finally, the bill changed the procedures followed by townships organizing to move out of the commission's jurisdiction. The bill provided that townships which organized would immediately cease to be within the commission's jurisdiction. In addition, the bill significantly reduced the stringency of both the substantive and procedural requirements for the adoption of local land use controls by townships leaving the commission's jurisdiction.

The committee substantially amended the bill to eliminate most of the provisions related to the commission's membership. The committee did increase the number of members with residency within the commission's jurisdiction from 1 to 2. The committee deleted all provisions of the bill related to the adoption of local land use controls by townships leaving the commission's jurisdiction.

LD           RESOLVE, TO ENCOURAGE THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF   LVWD  
1168        LEAD-ACID BATTERIES.

Sponsor:   WHITCOMB, Holloway, Coles  
Committee Report:   LVWD

SUMMARY:   The resolve required the Department of Environmental Protection to study the problems posed by the disposal of lead-acid batteries. The committee voted "leave-to-withdraw" in light of separate legislation under consideration. See LD 1862.

LD           RESOLVE, TO STUDY HEATING OIL, GASOLINE AND   ONTP  
1190        PROPANE GAS PRICING FACTORS IN THE STATE.

Sponsor:   CONLEY JR., Kerry  
Committee Report:   ONTP

SUMMARY:   The resolve established a Petroleum Products Market Study Committee to study factors affecting the price of various petroleum products and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.