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BILL SUMMARY



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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

also made provision for expanded public participation in the siting process. The text of the bill was derived from an earlier draft of the solid waste legislation from the committee's study (see LD 1862). The committee unanimously rejected the bill in light of the study legislation already under consideration.

LD  
1307

AN ACT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS AND OUTDOOR  
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.

P&SL 1987  
c. 68

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Mayo, Weymouth  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-385 JACQUES  
S-186 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The original bill removed forest lands leased for recreational purposes from eligibility under the Tree Growth Tax law (36 MRSA §571 et.seq.). It added a definition of the term, "vehicle" to the Tree Growth Tax law. It also changes the Farm and Open Space law by changing the statement of purpose and the definition of open space land to emphasize the importance of preserving and enhancing public outdoor recreation opportunities.

The committee amendment replaced the entire bill and established a commission to study outdoor recreation needs and current outdoor recreation policies. Membership was divided between legislators and public members representing various interest groups. The commission is directed to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 15, 1988. The committee unanimously approved the amended bill.

The floor amendment adds an emergency preamble and adds two public members to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

LD  
1310

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING THE  
REGULATION OF LANDFILLS AND OTHER WASTE  
DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

ONTP

Sponsor: TUTTLE, Murphy E, Lord, Estes  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill authorized the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection to declare emergency moratoria on the processing and approval of commercial landfill applications. The bill also authorized the Board of Environmental Protection to consider the criminal and civil record of an applicant for a hazardous waste facility. The bill extended the then current landfill