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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 TO REQUIRE ARCHERY HUNTER TRAINING.
1226

PL 1987
c. 354

Sponsor: JACQUES, McGowan, Clark H, Rotondi
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-144 COMMITTEE
H-170 JACQUES

SUMMARY: This bill establishes a requirement for an archery hunter training program to cover skills, safety, laws, rights and wildlife management. The Commissioner shall develop the program and may charge up to \$10 per person to defray program costs. This program will be modeled after those in place for hunting and trapping. The committee amendment inserted a \$2000 allocation section into the bill and House Amendment (H-170) corrected an allocation provision.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUNTING OF ANTLERLESS
1304 DEER BY CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS.

LVWD

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Erwin E, Weymouth, Duffy
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed a landowner with more than 25 contiguous acres to take an antlerless deer on that property. The bill was introduced as an incentive to keep more land from being posted to prohibit hunting. The opponents to the bill noted difficulties in enforcement, management and the definition of landowner. Again, the Department recognizes that there are increasing conflicts between landowners and hunters but does not feel that a preference system is the way to ameliorate them.

LD AN ACT TO ENABLE HUNTING FOR THE DISABLED.
1322

ONTP

Sponsor: MELENDY, Kilkelly, Smith, Erwin P
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The intent of LD 1322 was to give the commissioner the authority to permit disabled residents of the State to hunt from the roadside. Estimates are that this would apply to about 3000 people. Opponents to the bill sited that the definition of disabled was too broad, that hunting from paved public ways created safety hazards, and that handicapped residents already are allowed to hunt from parked vehicles on unpaved roads.