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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

LD 1328 An Act to Establish a Tax to Provide for the Comprehensive Monitoring of Paralytic Shellfish Poison LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
VOSE MOHOLLAND LOOK	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill was held over from the First Regular Session pending the recommendations of a study conducted by the Marine Resources Committee. The bill was withdrawn, and a new bill was presented as a result of the study. See LD 2188.

This bill proposed a shellfish excise tax to provide the state with the resources to comprehensively and effectively monitor paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) or red tide. Currently, major portions of the Maine coast are closed to shellfish harvesting each year because the Department of Marine Resources does not have the resources to consistently monitor the coast. These conservative closures result in economic deprivation to people in the shellfish industry.

LD 1328 proposed a volume-based, per bushel tax of 50 cents collected from dealers to fund PSP monitoring. Under this scheme, species which require greater expense and effort to monitor pay a higher percent tax relative to the cost per bushel of the species. Conversely, a value tax favored by some proponents would shift the tax burden onto the soft-shell clam, a relatively easy species to monitor.

LD 1969 An Act to Make Changes in Marine Resources Laws PUBLIC 694

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RICE ESTES LOOK SALSBURY	OTP-AM	H-553 H-562 MITCHELL

SUMMARY

The original bill makes it unlawful to molest or interfere with gear set for taking fish.

The Committee amendment changed the title and added the following provisions.

Sections 1 and 6 provide that the chair of the Lobster Advisory Council shall be a member of the the marine resources Advisory Council.

Section 2 changes the date for the submission of the annual lobster research report from January 1 to March 15 in order to allow coordination with a similar federal report.