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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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

was a mistake in the bill and that the intent was to increase the Commission by adding two public members.

The new draft incorporates this change, increases the compensation for the public members and sets forth a schedule for appointments during the transition to a larger commission. A Senate amendment (S-97) was adopted to provide an emergency preamble to the bill.

The second Senate amendment (S-249) removed the appropriation section as the funding was included in the part II budget.

**LD 1383** AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PROHIBITING SCALLOPING AND DRAGGING IN THE FRENCHBORO AREA. LVWD

Sponsor: ZIRNKILTON  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to allow hand-scalloping in the Frenchboro cable area. A large portion of water surrounding the power cable that connects Frenchboro to the mainland has been closed to scalloping because scallop drags have frequently broken the cable, shutting off the island's power supply. The sponsor argued that hand-fishing for scallops was not a threat to the cable and therefore should be allowed. The area has not been designated a conservation zone.

The committee felt that any closure of the area for scallops should extend to all methods of fishing both for fairness and enforcement reasons.

**LD 1386** AN ACT REGARDING LOBSTER FISHING. ONTP

Sponsor: MANNING, Ketover  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill had two main components. First, it proposed to allow the landing of oversized lobsters caught at least 3 miles offshore, provided they were consigned to DMR-approved containers. The bill also proposed to allow the "incidental" catch of lobster, while fishing for other marine species at least 3 miles offshore. This provision would have allowed the landing of dragged lobsters in state.

The first component of the bill addressed the problem that oversized lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine are being landed in the ports of Portsmouth, Boston, Gloucester, and New Bedford, negating the conservation impact of the