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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 CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO FOREST PL 1987  
1387 INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL. c. 183

Sponsor: JACKSON, Dow, Emerson, Swazey  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill clarified the authority and responsibilities of the director of the Maine Forest Service. The bill added some detail to the director's research responsibilities in the area of "management of forest insects, diseases and abiotic agents" (of forest damage). The bill deleted reference to the director's responsibility to control nuisance pests. Finally, the bill replaced a reference to the "Forest Insect Manager", a position which no longer exists, with reference to the director of the Maine Forest Service.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MUNICIPAL CONTROL OF ND LD 1803  
1388 NOISE GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENT.

Sponsor: HOGLUND, Usher, Rand, Dexter  
Committee Report: ND LD 1803

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1803.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE MUNICIPAL APPROVAL OF NEW OR ONTP  
1430 EXPANDED LANDFILL FACILITIES.

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

SUMMARY: The bill established municipal control over the siting and expansion of commercial landfills. This authority amounted to a local veto of such facilities. The committee rejected the bill in light of its comprehensive solid waste legislation (see LD 1862).

LD AN ACT TO ASSURE GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE ON THE PL 1987  
1435 BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TO c. 125  
IMPLEMENT STAGGERED BOARD TERMS. EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MARTIN, Ridley, Michaud, Lord  
Committee Report: New draft of LD 182

SUMMARY: The original bill sought to impose a county-based geographic formula on the membership of the Board of Environmental Protection. The bill would also have

shortened terms to three years and limited membership to two terms. The bill would have removed provisions of existing law dealing with the status of board members after the expiration of their terms. Finally, the bill would have terminated all current board terms and required renomination of the full board.

The new draft established a geographical distribution requirement for the Board of Environmental Protection. Four members of the board will be drawn from the First Congressional District and four from the Second. The remaining two members may come from either congressional district. Board members' terms are limited to two consecutive 4-year terms. In addition, the bill establishes the principal of staggered terms for board members to ensure that in the future, board turn-over will be more even. A transition provision provides for special initial terms to be employed for the three board positions expected to be filled during the remainder of 1987. Any members nominated to fill unexpected vacancies on the board shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC LANDS' CAMP LOT  
1438 MANAGEMENT.

PL 1987  
c. 238

Sponsor: USHER, Anderson, Tuttle, Dexter  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill changes the procedures employed by the Bureau of Public Lands to set lease fees. The objectives of these changes are to make the program more efficient and to set fees which reflect fair market value. The bill also deleted an unnecessary requirement that 50% of the leasing net revenues be expended for public use facilities.

LD AN ACT TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF  
1440 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSTALLERS.

PL 1987  
c. 410

Sponsor: CAHILL, McPherson, Mayo, Rydell  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-199 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill expanded the authority of the Board of Underground Oil Storage Tank Installers to include regulation of persons installing underground hazardous substance tanks and persons removing underground oil storage tanks. The bill replaced the member on the Board representing the Board of Environmental Protection with a