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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

The bill was amended in the Senate to remove the appropriation and broaden the scope of funding sources available to the program.

LD 1439 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION FROM THE WASTE ND LD 1707
WATER DISCHARGE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR
OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF MARINE AQUACULTURE EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS.

Sponsor: PERKINS, Look, Vose, Moholland
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1751

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1751.

LD 1531 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MAINE ND LD 1707
SARDINE COUNCIL.

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Rice, Look, Salsbury
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1707

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1707.

LD 1568 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF SMELTS. PL 1987
c. 173

Sponsor: LOOK, Rice, Brawn
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 770

SUMMARY: The original bill would have legalized variances in smelt regulations to allow for more flexible regulation of the fishery. Several rivers have adjusted seasons and harvest methods that were allowed through Private and Special Laws adopted in the 1930s and 1950s. As a result of a Department reorganization and recodification of the statutes, the Private and Special Laws were adopted as regulations. These regulations are superceded by a statutory statewide season that specifies the fishing method and dates.

The new draft repeals the statutes concerning smelt. The committee felt it was counter productive to have statutes that can be superceded by the commissioner's regulations and if the fishery needs more flexible management then it should all be done through regulation.