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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

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 PL 1987
1438 MANAGEMENT. 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 PL 1987
1440 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INSTALLERS. 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

member representing the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The bill also made a variety of technical changes to this board's authorizing statutes.

The committee amendment revised the title of the chapter and deleted a proposed change in the definition of the term, "underground oil storage tank installer", which would have included persons removing such tanks. (see also LD 836)

LD AN ACT TO ENHANCE LOCAL CONTROL OF COMMUNITY
1442 GROWTH AND STRENGTHEN MAINE'S LAND USE LAWS.

ND LD 1764

Sponsor: ANDREWS, Mayo, Carter, Randall
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1764

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1764.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC
1443 RESERVED LANDS.

RESOLVE 1987
c. 34

Sponsor: COLLINS, Dexter, Michaud, Martin J
Committee Report: Maj-OTP-A; Min-OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-116 COMMITTEE-Maj

SUMMARY: The bill authorized the director of the Bureau of Public Lands to undertake a series of land sales. The basic objective of these sales was to eliminate parcels from the Bureau's holding which did not contribute to the overall management objectives of the bureau. Thus, lands already densely developed under old leasing programs and a variety of scattered, relatively small parcels are included. Revenues from the sale go to the public reserved lands acquisition fund which can only be used to acquire lands with the protected status of "public reserved lands". In addition to these types of parcels, the bill included authorization to sell a public lot in Carrabassett Valley to the town of the same name. This portion of the bill resulted in a divided report.

The majority report of the committee recommended deletion of the Carrabassett land sale and included a fiscal note while the minority report retained the sale adding only a technical amendment describing the fiscal impact of the bill. The majority report was adopted by the full Legislature.